

Forum on

SOSMA – Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing?

3 Nov 2015 (Tuesday) | 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm

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Admission is free but advance registration is required

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Registration for the forum will begin at 7:30 pm

The Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 (“SOSMA”) vests extraordinary and wide-ranging powers with the Executive. SOSMA contains an extremely broad definition of what constitutes a “security offence”. It allows for an initial detention of 24 hours by the police to be extended for up to 28 days, if authorised by a police officer above the rank of superintendent, without any supervision by the courts. In addition, detainees can be denied access to legal counsel for up to 48 hours after arrest, and also be denied bail. Under SOSMA, all offences under Part VI and Part VIA of the Penal Code are considered security offences, and are triable in the High Court.

Despite the Government’s initial assurance that SOSMA was legislated to address terrorism threats and violent conduct, we are now witnessing its misuse. The case of Dato’ Sri Khairuddin Abu Hassan and his lawyer, Matthias Chang, a Member of the Bar, raises serious concerns over the misuse of SOSMA. Are we witnessing yet another attempt to resurrect the Internal Security Act 1960 or Essential (Security Cases) Regulations 1975? The original purpose of SOSMA, and its utility as a means for investigative detention — not preventive detention — is now open to question.

Programme

- 7:30 pm Registration
- 8:00 pm Welcoming Remarks by Andrew Khoo
*Co-Chairperson
Bar Council Human Rights Committee*
- 8:10 pm Opening Address by Steven Thiru
President, Malaysian Bar
- 8:30 pm First speaker: Tan Sri Abdul Gani bin Patail
Former Attorney General of Malaysia
- 8:50 pm Second speaker: Representative from Attorney
General’s Chambers (to be confirmed)
- 9:10 pm Third speaker: Amer Hamzah Arshad
Member of the Bar
- 9:30 pm Question-and-Answer Session
- 10:30 pm End

I would like to register for the event (all fields must be completed):

Name: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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