

URGENT ACTION

MOHD HILMI HASIM HEARD IN COURT IN MALAYSIA

Mohd Hilmi Hasim has now been given access to his lawyers and was brought before a Kuala Lumpur High Court on 25 February.

Malaysian cafeteria worker **Mohd Hilmi Hasim** was among the first to be arrested under the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 (SOSMA) on 7 February 2013. He was detained without charge and denied access to lawyers for approximately two weeks. It was only after his lawyers filed a police report and applied for a *habeas corpus* that he was brought to court on 25 February 2013.

The SOSMA, which was introduced in April 2012, replaced the Internal Security Act (ISA). It allows for incommunicado detention for up to 48 hours, which increases the detainee's risk of torture, and detention without charge or judicial review for up to 28 days. Despite the law allowing access to legal counsel after 48 hours, the Malaysian police denied Mohd Hilmi Hasim access to his lawyers for approximately two weeks after his arrest.

On 25 February 2013, Mohd Hilmi Hasim was reportedly charged with abetting the promotion of terrorism acts. He pleaded not guilty. His case will be heard in court on 20 May 2013.

At least 23 detainees continue to be detained without charge or possibility for judicial review under the ISA.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to everyone who sent appeals.

Name: Mohd Hilmi Hasim

Gender m/f: m

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