

PRESS STATEMENT

Dream Centre, Petaling Jaya. 12 August 2011

Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) is a faith-based community conscious of her obligation to the wider Malaysian community. DUMC supports organizations set up to run community programmes. DUMC deeply regrets the incident of the JAIS and Police officers entering into their premises at Dream Centre, Section 13 in Petaling Jaya during a Thanksgiving Dinner organized by Harapan Kommuniti.

Trespass and Search

We reiterate the fact that JAIS and Police officers came in to Dream Centre without a search warrant. They intruded into the Thanksgiving Dinner and interrupted the programme. They took photographs and videos when they came in. The JAIS and Police Officers did exit the Hall, but remained in the corridor just outside the Hall, still taking videos. JAIS officers issued several stern warnings to the organizers for refusing to cooperate with their demands. In the meantime, many plain clothes personnel rode into the Dream Centre compound with motorbikes and some of them went around the compound.

We respectfully submit that this trespass, search and seizure by JAIS and Police actions were without proper authority under the law.

DUMC 's Community Work

DUMC regrets that the holding of the Thanksgiving Dinner in the premises is misunderstood. As Christians, the Bible commands the community of faith to walk humbly, to seek justice and to do good. DUMC maintains that in all our community work, we seek to practice our faith and to serve the community around us as Christ commands us to do, regardless of creed, race or religion.

As always, DUMC will humbly seek to help the poor and the needy with no conditions attached. Apart from playing our roles as citizens of our beloved nation, we will continue to work and to partner with all who share our values.

Our prayer is that God will richly bless Malaysia as we seek for peace and righteousness.



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