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Malay Detainees

Sin Poh
(Star News)

FOR nearly three long years,

Malay leaders did nothing at all for the Malays who were detained under the Emergency Regulations, said Utusan Melayu editorially.

Not until the Jenderam incident did a few Malay leaders dare openly to enquire into the action of the Government in detaining Malays under the Emergency Regulations. Once the cudgel on behalf of these detainees was taken up at the highest level in the Federal Legislative Council, the number of Malay detainees dropped to under 1,000, the paper said.

Utusan was glad that a Welfare Committee for Malay detainees was formed recently. The paper hoped the Committee would probe into several "genuine" cases of which we know, and in which the Emergency Regulations were used by certain State Governments to remove people for personal reasons." It cited examples of a few Kelantan Malays who were detained because they were responsible for presenting to Lord Listowell in 1948, a petition signed by several hundred Malays against a candidate for a very high post. Another example related to a Malay A.D.O. and a Settlement Officer who are now in Majeedi Camp, Johore Bahru. They were marked "very black" because they were involved in the case for ex-Sultan Ali of

Trengganu, Utusan said. Sin Poh
In conclusion vs Utusan said. "Let

us not have mere Malay figure
heads who have no interest and
sympathy for Malay detainees."

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