

Analysis on Members of Parliament Approved Permit (AP) List.

What Approved Permit?

Approved Permit or in short AP is a mechanism used to control the number of vehicles allowed to be imported in to the country (Malaysia). Every imported vehicle requires a permit (AP) each. The Approved Permit is given out to certain car dealers/importers, individuals, diplomats and MPs.

APs control the number of imported vehicles in the country therefore creating an artificial market for Malaysia's national car (Proton, Perodua, etc.). You have to do more research on your own if you want to know more.

Parliament of Malaysia

Parliament of Malaysia consist of Dewan Rakyat (Lower House) and Dewan Negara (Upper House). The members of parliament in Dewan Rakyat are elected by the people through election process. Members of parliament in Dewan Negara are choosen/selected by Prime Minister/The King and each state assembly as well. Those in Dewan Negara will carry the title Senator.

Dewan Rakyat have 219 seats and Dewan Negara have 70 seats. For more information, visit : <http://www.parlimen.gov.my/eng-index.php>

MPs AP

Since 1997, each MPs (including Senators) are allocated one (uno) AP for his/her lifetime. On 21 September 2005, a list of AP receipt was released to Yang Berhormat Tuan Lim Kit Siang (Parliamentary Opposition Leader) detailing MPs who have received APs from year 2000 up to September 2005. The list was released as part of written reply to YB Tuan Lim Kit Siang's question regarding the AP controversies to the Minister of International Trade and Industry (Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Rafidah binti Abd. Aziz).

Objectives

The objective of the analysis are:

1. Verify that each MP only received one AP this lifetime.
2. Verify that the information given in the list is correct.
3. Determine that The List stands against cross references and collaborate with other sources of information.

Methodology

The analysis relies heavily on spreadsheet (OpenOffice) and Internet. Since the information was in graphic format, manual data entry had to be done. Names, IC and AP dates were entered into the spreadsheet.

For the first objective, data sort according to Names facillitates the verification of one AP per MP. Some of the names were changed in certain way to avoid detection without sorting. For example, binti can be spelled as bt. or Ghani can be spelled as Gh or bin spelled as b. This can be easily detected was the list is sorted according to names as it brings simillar spelling together.

Objective no 2 and 3 were fused together. It was listed separately because objectives 2 does not requires cross referencing. To verify the information in the list is correct, various techniques was used. For example, the dates given will give us the day. For eample 10/08/2000 is a Saturday. Since MITI (Ministry of International Trade and Industry) is a government office, they don't work on Sunday (or do they?). Another simple way of verifying that the information is correct was to look at the IC numbers. Most of it had been truncated; the last 4 digits have been left out. Information such as this is important for objective 3.

The List was cross reference against information available on

- http://www.parlimen.gov.my/DewRakyat_AhliDewan.php
- http://www.parlimen.gov.my/DewNegara_AhliDewan.php
- <http://daftarj.spr.gov.my>

Findings

Now, this is what you are waiting for.

The List reveals

Seven MPs received two APs each and one MP received three APs.

| No. | Title | Name | Ref. | Dates |
|-----|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Senator Dato' | Muhammad Abdul Ghani | 78, 106, 242 | 16/10/2001, 20/11/2001, 27/01/2004 |
| 2 | YB | Yew Teong Look | 89, 94 | 10/03/2001, 11/05/2001 |
| 3 | Ex-Senator | Udam @ George Adam Talek | 146, 175 | 29/04/2002, 05/07/2002 |
| 4 | Ex-Senator | Nosimah binti Hashim | 29, 258 | 22/08/2000, 13/04/2004 |
| 5 | Senator | Safinah binti Jusoh | 76, 274 | 07/10/2001, 26/04/2005 |
| 6 | Senator | Siti Zailah bt Mohd Yusof | 79, 238 | 07/10/2001, 23/04/2004 |
| 7 | Senator | Abdul Karim bin Abdul Ghani | 44, 243 | 26/12/2000, 08/10/2004 |
| 8 | | Habshah binti Osman | 74, 33 (ex-MP list) | 07/10/2002, 22/04/2005 |

The List also reveals that MITI must be the most diligent ministry in Malaysia. They give out APs on Sundays as well.

| Ref | Name | Date |
|-----|--------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Abdul Fatah bin Othman | 12/11/00 |
| 269 | Ahmad Shabery Cheek | 07/08/05 |
| 49 | Ali @ Fadzil bin Md Noor | 05/08/01 |
| 182 | Chong Set Mui | 12/10/03 |
| 8 | Chow Kon Yeow | 12/11/00 |
| 277 | Chua Kim Chuan | 07/08/05 |
| 89 | Henry Sum Agong | 05/08/01 |
| 76 | Safinah binti Jusoh | 07/10/01 |
| 93 | Richard Riot Anak Jaem | 05/08/01 |
| 72 | Mohd Nasir Che Daud | 05/08/01 |
| 191 | Samsiah bt Samsudin | 12/10/03 |

| Ref | Name | Date |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------|
| 79 | Siti Zailah binti Mohd Yusoff | 07/10/01 |
| 38 | Wan Nik Wan Yusoff | 12/11/00 |
| 227 | Wan Ubaidah binti Omar | 02/05/04 |
| 143 | Ramli bin Ibrahim | 06/10/02 |
| 14 | Ismail bin Noh | 12/11/00 |

According to the dates as well, MITI has already given out APs for the month of October, November and December of 2005.

| Ref | Name | Date |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 273 | Hashim bin Jahaya | 07/12/05 |
| 232 | Idris bin Haron | 01/12/05 |
| 279 | Nik Azizah bt Nik Yahya | 01/12/05 |
| 225 | Syed Ali bin Abbas Alhabshe | 01/12/05 |
| 272 | Abdul Rashid Ngah | 07/11/05 |
| 24 (ExMP) | Lee Chong Meng | 07/11/05 |
| 21 (ExMP) | Ibrahim bin Ali | 05/11/05 |
| 23 (ExMP) | Saad bin Man | 05/11/05 |
| 35 (ExMP) | Hanipah Ahmad | 01/10/05 |
| 286 | Nasarudin bin Hashim | 01/10/05 |

The List given was split into two. First, titled "Terima AP oleh Ahli Palimen Dari Tahun 2000 hingga 12 September 2005". Second, titled "Terima AP oleh Bekas Ahli Parlimen Dari Tahun 2000 hingga 12 September 2005".

However, on the first list, 128 APs was given to name who are not an MP now. I am not sure why it listed as such. It may mean at the time the AP was given, those persons were MPs.

With the given IC Number, I did a cross reference with <http://daftarj.spr.gov.my/> 3 names rise alert. The names of the given IC No. in the List did not match with SPR database.

| Ref | MITI List Name | SPR Database Name |
|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 | Abdul Hadi Ahmad | Abdul Hadi Awang |
| 13 | Husam Musa | Mohammad bin Yusoff |
| 274 | Safinah binti Jusoh | Wan Khadijah binti Ab Kadir |

In addition to that, many IC No. have been truncated. Some of the MPs are not registered voters according to SPR or the IC No. given is wrong.

With the release of this document, I released the spreadsheet which I used for the analysis in OpenOffice and Ms Excel format.