

Enforcement officers, journalists locked in

REMBAU: Enraged with the appearance of enforcement officers at a factory for slaughtering and processing chickens, a man believed to be the factory owner, locked in the officers at the premises in Pedas Halal Park here yesterday.

Also locked in with the enforcement officers from the Islamic Development Department of Malaysia (Jakim) and Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry, were five accompanying media representatives.

The drama which began at 4pm ended four

hours later after a police team from the Rembau district headquarters rushed to the scene.

Ten policemen rushed to the factory after one of the reporters managed to escape and sought help.

Jakim's Halal Section's assistant director Mohd Amri Abdullah declined to identify the man believed to be in his forties.

"I can only say that the factory's halal certification is suspended until the completion of our investigation," he told reporters after coming out of the premises at 8pm.