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Karpal urges PM to intervene over ruling

KOTA KINABALU, Fri. - Lawyer Karpal Singh has urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to intervene in the issue of Peninsular Malaysian lawyers having to obtain work permits and ad hoc admissions to practise in Sabah.

Karpal Singh said today it was time to settle the problem as Sabah had been a part of Malaysia for the past 34 years.

He said such laws should be abolished so that the people could work in whichever State they choose to. (see CORRECTION above)

"I agree with the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Nazri Abdul Aziz, that the law should be abolished," he told reporters outside the High Court here.

Karpal Singh, who is the Member of Parliament for Jelutong, is here for the hearing of the Kidurong State seat election petition.

He said he did not intend to interfere with the rights of lawyers in the State but added that the law made it difficult for Peninsular Malaysians to work here.

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