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WAIT FOR PARTY CONGRESS TO OUST ANY LEADER, DAP MEMBERS TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, June 23 (Bernama) -- DAP members disgruntled with the present leadership should wait for the party's National Congress in August if they want to oust any leader, its Deputy Chairman Karpal Singh said today.

"If they feel that they are strong enough to oust Lim Kit Siang or any other leader, then they should campaign constructively towards that end as the party elections are due on Aug 22. Of course these leaders must also be prepared to be knocked out themselves in the process," he said in a statement.

But he warned that the DAP, the country's largest opposition party, would not tolerate any "devious operation" by anyone within its ranks to oust any duly elected.

"The party will not tolerate opportunists who have only their personal ends to serve," said Karpal of the reported move by some top DAP leaders in Pulau Pinang to prevent the return of Lim, the DAP Secretary-General, to spearhead the campaign to capture power in the state in the next general election.

The DAP had tried to capture the state in the last two general elections but failed.

He also clarified that the DP would not expel anyone unless and until there was a basis to do so and that too after due enquiry by the party's disciplinary committee.

Meanwhile, Lim said he had submitted a motion on the setting up of a Royal Commission of Inquiry into Cronyism and Nepotism for next month's Parliament sitting.

In a statement, he said the Royal Commission of Inquiry should focus on the children and associates of all political leaders whether government or opposition.

Lim, who is Parliamentary Opposition Leader, called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to allocate time for the motion to be the first item of parliamentary business on July 13.

The issue took centre-stage during the just-ended Umno assembly.

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