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Chandra Muzaffar applies to set aside notice

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Parti Keadilan Nasional deputy president Dr Chandra Muzaffar today filed a notice of motion to set aside a show cause notice issued by the High Court on why contempt proceedings should not be initiated against him.

The notice was filed by his solicitors Karpal Singh & Company at the High Court (criminal division) registry.

No date has been fixed for its hearing yet.

In his affidavit supporting the application, Dr Chandra said the notice should be set aside because the High Court was wrong in concluding that he had committed "a probable offence of contempt of court".

He added that the show cause notice was not based on admissible evidence.

He said its issuance at the instance of the Public Prosecutor (the respondent in the case) was an abuse of the court process.

The High Court had on Aug 3 issued the show cause notice to Chandra after Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah drew the court's attention to a media statement titled "Confession and Conspiracy" which appeared on the Internet on July 31.

The last paragraph of the statement said: It is a shame that elements in the police force, in the Attorney-General's Chambers, in the Courts and in the media are prepared to be subservient tools in this massive conspiracy hatched by Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad and his cohorts.

Chandra was ordered to present himself before High Court Judge Datuk Ariffin Jaka on Aug 16 to show cause why contempt proceedings should not be initiated against him.

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