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INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST KARPAL SINGH, BAR COUNCIL TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 2 (Bernama) -- The Bar Council should investigate impartially the allegations against practising lawyer and politician Karpal Singh for breach of legal profession ethics and regulations.

Umno executive secretary Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said it was time for the Bar Council to demonstrate that the council was impartial, transparent and not an anti-government organisation and take a firm action if Karpal Singh was found guilty.

In a statement here today, Tengku Adnan said Karpal Singh had gone too far when he insulted the judiciary by accusing High Court judge Datuk Arifin Jaka of being afraid of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the court being subservient to the government.

He said Karpal Singh had consistently been urging the court to cite other people for contempt but yet he was openly guilty of contempt himself.

"He shows no dignity and decency in the manner he conducts himself both as a lawyer and as a Member of Parliament for Jelutong," he said in a statement, here, today.

Tengku Adnan said that Karpal Singh had lied when he claimed that he was defending Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for free in the interest of justice.

"Karpal is too much of a greedy and money-loving lawyer to be giving free legal services to anyone," he said but added, eventually his real ulterior motives would be revealed.

Tengku Adnan also urged the people of Jelutong to "wake up" and stand against Karpal Singh, who has been deceiving them for the past 20 years.

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