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KIT SIANG TO SUE UTUSAN FOR AT LEAST RM200 MILLION

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 19 (Bernama) -- DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang is suing the Utusan Malaysia newspaper for between RM200 million and RM300 million.

In a statement here today, he said he had authorised his lawyers to file a defamation suit for between RM200 million and RM300 million against the newspaper next Tuesday for its news report last Saturday alleging that he was unpatriotic.

The final figure would be settled by early next week, said Lim.

He said in deciding on the range of defamation damages he should seek from Utusan Malaysia, his lawyers and he took into account two recent defamation suits.

The first was by Mirzan Mahathir, son of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who sued the printers of Asian Wall Street Journal - Star Papyrus, a subsidiary of Star Publications, for RM150 million and the second by Berjaya Group Chairman and Chief Executive Tan Sri Vincent Tan who sued Star Papyrus for RM200 million.

Lim said his lawyers had also prepared another RM200 million to RM300 million defamation suit against Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir for Kadir's statement against him regarding prison condition for his son, Lim Guan Eng.

He said he had instructed his lawyers to hold on to the suit as he wanted to give the deputy minister a chance to clarify that he was misled with facts and data about prison conditions.

Lim said he would instruct his lawyers to file the suit against Abdul Kadir if he was not prepared to retract the allegations he had made against him.

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