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MCA SUPPORTS ACTION AGAINST KARPAL SINGH

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 6 (Bernama) -- The MCA today said that the Attorney-General should consider taking appropriate action against lawyer Karpal Singh for implying that the government had tried to poison former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

His statement should be taken seriously as it affected the credibility of the country's leaders in the eyes of the world, MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said.

"Anyone who commits an offence or makes false allegations causing the country to lose economic opportunities like a fall in tourist arrivals or investments is indeed serious and should be viewed seriously," Dr Ling told reporters.

He was commenting on the statement by the Prime Minister that the government was contemplating action against the lawyer following proposals to this effect.

Dr Mahathir on returning from an overseas trip had told an airport press conference that it was slanderous to claim that the Government had tried to poison Anwar.

The former Deputy Prime Minister is serving a six-year jail sentence for corruption and is now facing a sodomy trial.

The High Court on Sept 10 Sept had directed that Anwar be given a medical check-up following his lawyer's claim that he was suffering from arsenic poisoning.

Yesterday the court was informed by the hospital authorities that there were no signs of acute or chronic arsenic poisoning in Anwar.

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