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Snap-Suspend  
SNAP SUSPENDS YOUTH CHIEF WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

KUCHING, August 2 (Bernama) -- The Sarawak National Party (Snap) has suspended its Youth chief Dr Judson Sakai Tagal with immediate effect for allegedly breaching the party constitution.

Party president Datuk Amar James Wong Kim said Dr Judson was suspended for referring to himself as Snap acting secretary-general and summoning an extraordinary general meeting of the party.

The call for the EGM on Aug 11 was made through a publication that appeared in The Borneo Post and Sarawak Tribune on July 20 and 21 respectively.

Apart from legal action, Snap would lodge a police report against Dr Judson, Wong told reporters after chairing a Central Executive Council (CEC) meeting.

He said the party would inform Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad and Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud of Dr Judson's suspension.

Dr Mahathir is Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman while Abdul Taib is Sarawak BN chief.

Wong said the party would also request Abu Taib to relieve Dr Judson, who is State Infrastructure Development and Communication Assistant Minister, of his ministerial position.

"The CEC has also suspended two other members, Liew Ah Lek from Kemena Division and Tang Nguong Sit of Repok Division," he said.

On the plan to hold the EGM, Wong said the meeting was illegal and unconstitutional.

"Disciplinary action will be taken against those who attend the so called EGM," he said.

On the claim that there were "unseen hands" at work to topple the party president, Wong said the CEC would not be perturbed by such claim and described it as a joke.

He said the party's Triennial General Assembly in February 2003 will proceed according to schedule and all 62 divisions had been advised to hold their respective general meeting not later than December this year.

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