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Karpal criticises Singapore's actions

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Singapore actions after the dispute over Pulau Batu Puteh arose, appear to be systematically geared towards provoking the Malaysian Government, Democratic Action Party national deputy chairman Karpal Singh said today.

He said its move to make public confidential communications between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Singapore Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew, and diplomatic exchanges on negotiations on the water issue did not speak well of the maturity of Singapore leaders.

He said compounding the worsening relations was the establishment of an online forum for Singaporeans to discuss the possibility of war with Malaysia to resolve the Pulau Batu Puteh territorial dispute.

"Belligerence will not take the Singapore Government anywhere. A military assault on Malaysia will only bring it a bloody nose."