

Karpal rubbishes Zaid's police report
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Sodomy II defence counsel Karpal Singh has laughed off Parti Kita president Zaid Ibrahim's police report against him as 'frivolous' and a distraction to the police from serving the interests of the people.

"Zaid should seriously consider a crash course in the English language," said Karpal (right) in a statement today.

"It is obvious to one having even the rudiments of the English language that my references to Zaid 'fishing in troubled waters' refers to the law of contempt being defied, and the risk and consequences of committing contempt of court could, as a consequences, make one liable to a fine or imprisonment."

Last Wednesday Karpal warned the Kita president and former PKR leader that the latter's public remarks on Anwar's sodomy trial veered close to contempt of court.

He added then that, "As a lawyer, Zaid should know the bounds and parameters of the law of contempt. Zaid should not fish in troubled waters. It is a deadly risk, and the consequences can be equally deadly."

Zaid, who was also former de facto law minister now heads his own Parti Kesejahteraan Insan Tanah Air (Kita).

He lodged a police report yesterday claiming that Karpal's warning posed "serious threats" to his safety.

"Justice Mohamed Zabidin Mohd Diah had reminder in open court that anyone committing an act of contempt in the ongoing Anwar Ibrahim trial will face the music," Karpal reminded.

"I would advise Zaid not to make frivolous police reports. The police should be left to use their precious time in activities in the interest of the people."