

Defence mulls move to cite Najib for contempt
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Karpal Singh, the lead counsel in the Sodomy II trial, is mulling a move to submit an application to cite Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak for contempt.

This follows Najib's comments in pressuring Anwar Ibrahim to give a DNA sample for testing.

Today, Kuala Lumpur High Court judge Justice Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah told Karpal to make a formal application on the matter.

Karpal (left) had said that several individuals, including the prime minister, may have committed contempt in commenting on the issue.

Outside the court, Karpal said he is seriously considering filing the application.

"By right it should be the judge who should initiate this but (following what the judge) had said we are seriously considering this," he said.

"There have been several individuals who have made such statements, as if pressuring the judiciary. We will file (the application) against the big fish, general (Najib)," he said, although reporters pointed out that it was Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin and others who had raised the issue.

Karpal said the judge had issued a stern warning in open court against parties committing contempt in commenting about the case, or they would face the music.

Last week, Karpal had issued a warning to those concerned, including Parti Kita president Zaid Ibrahim, to refrain from making such statements.

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