

Saifuddin wants disciplinary action against Shafee

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The Bar Council has been urged to take disciplinary action against lawyer Muhammad Shafee Abdullah if it was true that he had not gone abroad to pursue legal matters on behalf of the government, the prime minister and his wife.

NONEPKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution (left) said that this was because he had information that Shafee obtained postponement of at least one of his cases because of the letter.

"If the letter has led to a postponement of the case, then I would say, yes, the letter is 99.9999 percent genuine," he told reporters at party headquarters in Tropicana today.

Saifuddin said this was for the 'Seruan Gemilang vs the Pahang government' case, where the Seruan Gemilang lawyer was given a copy of Shafee's letter as a reason for the postponement.

"The prime minister must answer: did the government appoint Shafee and, if it did, shouldn't this be the attorney-general's job? Or was (Shafee) acting for the PM and his wife?" Saifuddin said.

"If he was not acting as their lawyer, then we urge the PM to report him to the Bar Council... or the Bar Council should take disciplinary action."

Saifuddin said Shafee's denial "raises more question marks" and that the lawyer must reveal his whereabouts between April 1 and 25 as stated in the letter.

In the March 23 letter, revealed by the PKR MP last week, Shafee sought a blanket postponement of his cases before the courts on those dates, saying he would be in Paris, New York, Basel and London for a "sensitive legal assignment".

NONEShafee (right in photo) had yesterday said that media reports on the secret mission were "utter rubbish" but refused to take more questions from reporters.

He was at the lobby of the Kuala Lumpur court complex in Jalan Duta to receive a parcel, claimed to be a video tape, from his client S Nallakaruppan.

The video tape is supposed to be evidence to support Nallakaruppan's case in the RM100 million defamation suit against him by PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim.

PKR unfazed by Nalla's video

NONECommenting on this at the press conference today, PKR director of strategy Rafizi Ramli (right) said the party has had 14 years of experience in dealing with such smear campaigns.

Rafizi said PKR was not aware of the claims made about the tape, but would face these "head on".

"From past experiences, those claims were all hoaxes," he said.

"We don't want to enter the general election on this video issue. We want to engage on issues... like higher education, graft and economic issues."

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