

Clash of the MPs: Kula off the hook
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The government will not refer DAP's Ipoh Barat parliamentarian M Kulasegaren to the parliamentary rights and privileges committee over his recent clash with another MP, said minister Mohd Nazri Abdul Aziz.

NONE "We have decided not to, and we have informed the speaker about this," he told reporters in the Parliament lobby today.

However, he said the complainant - Kinabatangan MP Bung Moktar Radin - is free to lodge a police report against Kulasegaren if he so chooses.

Bung Moktar earlier told Malaysiakini that the matter will be discussed during the pre-council meeting for BN MPs next week, to decide whether to pursue the motion or lodge a police report.

The two MPs were engaged in a shouting match on June 9 at the Senate Lounge, which involved Idris Haron, the BN lawmaker for Batu Tangga.

It took place during a discussion on scholarships that was hosted by Opposition parliamentarians and non-government organisations.

Bung Moktar, who protested the presence of "outsiders" in the lounge, had called for the Dewan Rakyat to investigate the incident.

Speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia yesterday said that, based on the reports received by Parliament officers, he believes that there is a prima facie case against Kulasegaran.

Kulasegaran has refused to apologise claiming that he did nothing wrong, and said that he is willing to face any punishment meted out.

Yong's lawyer 'stupid'

On another matter, Nazri claimed that he was unaware of the reported renewal of the government's contract with public relations company Apco.

"This is something that you need to ask the Prime Minister's Office," he said.

nazri abdul azizp balasubramaniam private investigator altantuya murder caseNazri (left) also said that he is unaware that private investigator P Balasubramaniam (right) is due to make a public statement in London later today.

"Usually I would be informed of this either by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) or the attorney-general, but I have not gotten any notification," he said.

Balasubramaniam is also due to answer questions sent to him by the MACC, over his claim that several personalities had coerced him into retracting a statutory declaration concerning the murder of Mongolian national Altantuya Shaariibuu.

Nazri was more forthcoming about claims made by M Ravi, the lawyer for Malaysian

death-row prisoner Yong Vui Kong in Singapore.

NONE"(Ravi, right) is a liar for saying that he has met me. He claims that I refused to meet him, but I was never aware that he wanted to meet as he never made an appointment.

"He is trying to pressure me to speak to the law minister in Singapore. He should be aware that this is now a diplomatic matter and (Foreign Affairs Minister) Anifah Aman has already sent a letter (to the Singapore government). He should know this. He is a lawyer and still he is acting stupid."

Yong was only 19 when he was caught trafficking 47g of heroin into the island in 2007. His scheduled execution in December last year was postponed when Ravi filed for a stay pending his appeal.

Singapore has yet to receive a request for clemency from Malaysia, the foreign ministry said today.

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