

Rights committee tables report on Anwar's Apco jibe
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Parliament's rights and privileges committee has recommended that Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim be suspended for his 1Malaysia-1Israel jibe in the Dewan Rakyat and for Bukit Gelugor parliamentarian Karpal Singh to be admonished.

"The privileges committee has tabled its majority report which recommended that Anwar be suspended for six months," Karpal told a press conference in the lobby of Parliament this morning.

The report was tabled in the House today, with two days' notice to Parliament, and will be debated on Thursday.

Karpal, meanwhile, will be admonished for questioning the committee's decision over its move to refer to a letter from Apco Worldwide without hearing evidence from Anwar or other witnesses.

"How can they take action against me without me being present? Admonishing a professional is a serious matter," added Karpal, who said the admonishment against him had not been done properly.

DAP's Ipoh Timor member of parliament Lim Kit Siang earlier today tweeted: "Still in parliament till 16 Dec, voting on DSAI (Datuk Sri Anwar Ibrahim) suspension, sure enough to be suspended!"

Anwar, who is Permatang Pauh MP, had alleged that there was a link between international public relations consultancy Apco Worldwide, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's 1Malaysia and the Ehud Barak's One Israel initiative.

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