

Anwar recommended to face six-month suspension
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KUALA LUMPUR - Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim has been recommended to face a six-month suspension by the Rights and Privileges Committee, The Star reported.

The recommendation was made in the report tabled at Dewan Rakyat on Tuesday.

It is listed in the Order Paper for Tuesday, and scheduled to be debated by the House on Thursday.

The report, which is tabled for debate, needs two days' notice from the House.

There are only two more days left for this Parliamentary meeting.

Chairman of the committee Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia also said in the report that it agreed that the accusation by Anwar on the link between 1Malaysia concept and One Israel Campaign via consultancy firm Apco Worldwide was not true.

"He has abused his rights and privileges as an MP," he wrote in the report.

The report also stated that the committee took a serious view of the act of Karpal Singh (DAP - Bukit Gelugor) who continued to make various allegations to insult the chairman of the committee.

"The committee regrets his act of belittling other MPs," it said.

The committee also recommended Speaker Pandikar Amin to admonish Karpal Singh, it said.

The Parliamentary committee members tasked to discuss the 1Malaysia and One Israel issue comprised Pandikar Amin, Deputy Speaker Datuk Ronald Kiandee, Karpal Singh (DAP-Bukit Gelugor), R. Sivarasa (PKR- Subang), Nancy Shukri (BN-Batang Sadong), Datuk Seri Dr Fong Chan Onn (BN-Alor Gajah) and Datuk Razali Ibrahim (BN-Muar).

However, both Karpal Singh and Sivarasa withdrew from the committee on Dec 3.

The two men left after they lost in a bloc division (voting) in the committee to proceed with the hearing based on letters from Apco and also hansards.

No witnesses, including Anwar would be called on grounds that Anwar made the accusations in the House.

Earlier, on April 22, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Nazri Abd Aziz tabled a motion to bring Anwar before the committee for claiming that the 1Malaysia concept was linked to One Israel via Apco Worldwide.

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