

PR: Suspension of four MPs could lead to BN two-thirds majority gain
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KUALA LUMPUR - Pakatan Rakyat (PR) called for attention on the anticipated suspension of four of its MPs on Thursday saying it could lead to Barisan Nasional (BN) to regain its two-thirds majority in Parliament.

DAP MP for Taiping Nga Kor Ming said in a press statement Wednesday that BN had abused its sheer majority for 'attempting' to suspend Anwar Ibrahim, Azmin Ali (PKR-Gombak), R Sivarasa (PKR-Subang) and Karpal Singh (DAP-Bukit Gelugor), from the Parliament to regain two-thirds majority.

Similarly, Rasa MP Anthony Loke said "If four are suspended, it would mean that, over the next six months, we (PR) will lose our one-third number in the House. We will only have 73 in MPs."

Loke also reportedly said in Mkini that BN will use the opportunity to amend the federal constitution or re-draw the electoral boundaries and that speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia had "allowed the federal government to use their majority as they like".

Both Nga and Loke noted that if the motions are passed on Thursday, it will have major consequences on both PR and the people's voice represented in Parliament.

Meanwhile, The Malaysian Insider reported that all BN lawmakers have been instructed to attend Thursday's parliamentary sitting for the vote on the proposed six-month suspension on the four MPs.

According to the news website, Minister in the Prime Minister Department Nazri Aziz has reminded his fellow lawmakers to cancel any prior engagements planned for Thursday.

A motion to suspend Anwar for six months was tabled Tuesday over accusations by the Opposition leader that international consulting firm Apco Worldwide was behind the 1Malaysia concept and that it was borrowed from the 1Israel concept.

Anwar was referred to the Rights and Privileges Committee, who then recommended the suspension without hearing his defense.

The committee's investigation was criticised by Karpal, Sivarasa and Azmin, who were subsequently alleged to have broken an embargo on the committee's report.

Similarly, a motion to suspend all three MPs for six months was tabled in Parliament on Wednesday which stated that Karpal, Sivarasa and Azmin had violated Standing Order 85.

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