

Nazri says Karpal '3rd class lawyer', two PR supporters arrested
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KUALA LUMPUR - Dissatisfaction of Pakatan Rakyat (PR) over the suspension of four of its MPs Thursday resulted in Karpal Singh being called a "third class lawyer" while two of its members were arrested in a marching protest to Suhakam over the same matter.

Karpal Singh was called a "third class lawyer" by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Nazri Aziz after the Bukit Gelugor MP said PR wants to take legal action against Speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia.

On the other hand, PKR Youth exco member Lee Khai Loon and Padang Serai PKR division secretary G. Pravin were arrested by police on their way marching to Malaysian Human Rights Comissions (Suhakam) to file a complaint over the same matter, The Star reported.

According to Karpal Singh, the decision to go to court was taken after they were not given an opportunity to give clarification during the debate on the motion to suspend Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim.

Karpal said PR will seek for judicial review over the abuse of power by Pandikar and the decision to suspend him, Anwar, Azmin Ali (PKR-Gombak) and R Sivarasa (PKR-Subang) for six months.

However, Nazri responded to Karpal's statement saying it was ridiculous and that the case will be thrown out, The Malaysian Insider reported.

"The Speaker has already said there is a judgment by one judge that the court has got no jurisdiction over parliamentary proceedings. There is the sovereignty of Parliament and supremacy of Parliament.

"They have got cow dung in their heads. I assure you that if they take it to court it will be kicked out. What law did Karpal learn? He is a third-class lawyer," Nazri was quoted as saying by the news website.

It was reported that the PR protest to Suhakam, led by PKR's Balik Pulau MP Yusmadi Yusof and PKR Youth Chief Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin, was interrupted by police who said the march was considered as illegal gathering.

Some 30 PR supporters were asked to disperse by the authorities but they refused to do so, which caused them and the police officers to push against each other, FMT reported.

Both Pravin and Lee were subsequently taken to Dang Wangi police station while the other supporters negotiated with the police to allow three representatives to head to Suhakam headquarters.

The complaint filed to Suhakam concerned the suspension of the four MPs, which the motion on Anwar was passed without debate while no PR lawmakers were present to debate on the second motion to suspend Karpal, Azmin and Sivarasa.

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