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## Probe allegations against Dr M, says Karpal

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** DAP chairman Karpal Singh has joined in the calls for the prosecution of former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

In a statement released yesterday, he voiced support for anti-corruption non-governmental organisation Gerak and former United Nations special rapporteur Datuk Param Cumaraswamy, both of whom had called for Dr Mahathir to be prosecuted for alleged interference in the administration of justice.

Like Gerak and Param, Karpal pointed to the testimony of former Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) director-general Datuk Shafee Yahya during the trial of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in 2000. Shafee had testified that Dr Mahathir had ordered him to close a file.

"If the allegations against Dr Mahathir are true, the former prime minister should not be spared from the long arm of the law. There is no limitation period when it comes to criminal prosecution," he said.

He added that investigations should immediately be directed against Dr Mahathir to find out if he was guilty of obstructing a public servant in the discharge of public duties — an offence under Section 186 of the Penal Code.