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Karpal lodges report over Dr M's allegations

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GEORGE TOWN: DAP national chairman Karpal Singh yesterday lodged a police report over former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's allegations that certain judges had lobbied him (Dr Mahathir) for promotion.

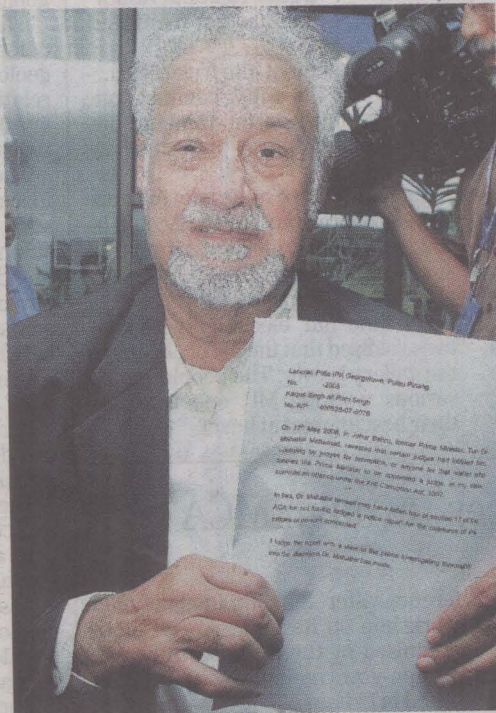
Karpal said he lodged the report at the state police headquarters in Jalan Penang.

"It is important to identify and prosecute the judges and persons concerned as it will be wrong to allow the matter to lie, in which event, innocent judges will be tainted with the same brush."

Karpal added that, in his view, judges who lobbied for promotion, or anyone else for that matter who lobbied the prime minister to be appointed a judge, had committed an offence under the Anti-Corruption Act 1997.

"In fact, Dr Mahathir himself may have fallen foul of Section 17 of the ACA Act for not having lodged a police report for the overtures of the judges or persons concerned," he said.

Karpal, who is also the member of Parliament for



Karpal Singh with a copy of the report he lodged over Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's allegations of lobbying by judges.

Bukit Gelugor, said he had raised the matter in Parliament on Thursday and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mohd Nazri Abdul Aziz had agreed with him that such acts could

be tantamount to corruption.

Karpal added that the judiciary had been brought into disrepute.

"Lobbying of the prime minister by judges is an affront to the rule of law."