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Be witness in Anwar's trial, Wee tells Karpal

PETALING JAYA: Wangsa Maju MP Wee Choo Keong has called on DAP chairman Karpal Singh to offer himself as a witness in the sodomy trial of Datuk Sen Anwar Ibrahim.

Wee said Karpal, who is Bukit Gelugor MP, should do this as he was a credible "character witness" for Anwar.

"This is due to Karpal's comments at a DAP seminar in 1997 that he had information about Anwar's previous sodomy trial from the complainant then, Azizan Abu Bakar.

"Karpal admitted that he, as an opposition MP, did urge that Anwar (the deputy prime minister and deputy Umno president then) be investigated for sodomy after Azizan met him (Karpal)," Wee said in his blog yesterday.

"It gives a bad impression that an opposition MP is entitled to make false allegations in public.

"This cannot be the case. MPs must stand

by what they utter within or outside Parliament.

"Otherwise, Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail should consider taking a subpoena to compel Karpal to release the evidence," he added.

Wee, who started his political career in the DAP and later formed the Malaysian Democratic Party, stood on a PKR ticket in the 2008 general election but quit the party to become independent in May last year.

An online news portal had quoted Karpal as saying on Tuesday that there was no reason for the A-G to call him as a material witness in Anwar's trial.

Karpal refuted comments by Bayan Baru MP Zahrain Mohd Hashim that he (Karpal) should stand as a prosecution witness following his earlier claims of having information about Anwar's first sodomy trial.