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'Najib wants Ling  
to apologise'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The TVi4 news portal yesterday said that Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak had instructed his lawyer to demand an apology from former MCA president Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik for allegedly calling for his removal as prime minister.

The alleged call by Ling was published in an English news portal three days ago.

According to TVi4, a letter to the effect was served by hand to Ling yesterday by the law firm of Messrs Hafarizam Wan & Aisha Mubarak.

It was on behalf of Najib in his personal capacity and among others, it demanded that Ling apologise within seven days.

It (the portal) said failure to do so would result in legal action being taken against the former transport minister.

According to TVi4, lawyer Datuk Hafarizam Harun, who represented the firm, said in the letter to Ling that the remarks made by him were defamatory and had damaged the reputation of the prime minister, besides being inclined to bring down Najib's image in the eyes of the people.

The portal added that Hafarizam had also demanded that Ling retract the alleged remarks, issue an unequivocal apology and pay a reasonable compensation as restitution.

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