

'Kadir should sue portal'
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VOTE-BUYING CLAIM: Umno branch leader tells former minister to clear his name

FORMER information minister Tan Sri Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir should initiate legal action against an online news portal which he claimed had misquoted him as saying that Barisan Nasional had paid between RM200 and RM1,000 for votes in the last general election.

Kampung Air Merah Umno branch head Mat Saad Osman said the former Kulim Bandar Baharu member of parliament must clear his name and sue the news portal if he had not uttered those words.

"We met him in Kuala Lumpur last month to seek clarification over the statement but he denied saying it.

"Today, we are producing printed copies of the report, dated Jan 17, where Kadir was also quoted as saying he had been the head of many delegations and was given a lump sum to distribute.

"We want to know what he has to say about this," he said at a press conference near here yesterday.

Mat Saad said Kadir must sue the news portal or apologise to Kulim Bandar Baharu constituents for shaming them by alleging that they accepted money to vote for BN.

Kadir was recently reported as saying that it was "common knowledge" that corrupt practices occurred, especially among his BN colleagues.

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