

Explain alleged conspiracy, duo told
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KUALA LUMPUR: Perkasa has urged lawyer M. Puravalen and former Parti Keadilan Rakyat's (PKR) vice-president R. Sivarasa to come forward and explain the alleged conspiracy to defame Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"If they fail to do so, then we will urge the police and the attorney-general to take the appropriate action against the duo to clear the air," said Perkasa information chief Ruslan Kasim yesterday.

Ruslan, who is former PKR information chief, said anyone responsible for the alleged plot should be charged, tried and convicted.

"We would also like to find out the identity of the person who masterminded the plot. Was it Puravalen, Sivarasa or a third person?"

"Is Puravalen a pawn, only to be manipulated by certain individuals who have ulterior motives?"

Ruslan also challenged Puravalen to reveal the identity of the individual who allegedly divulged classified police information regarding the October 2006 arrest of political analyst Abdul Razak Baginda.

"We also ask Puravalen if he knows whether P. Balasubramaniam's appointment as Razak's private investigator was planned earlier by a third party."

This follows claims by blogger Raja Petra Kamarudin that Balasubramaniam was paid off after he had signed a statutory declaration on July 1, 2008, in a plot to defame Najib, who was the then deputy prime minister.

Two weeks ago, Raja Petra named several people in the latest exposure, including Puravalen and Sivarasa.

Raja Petra said he first met Balasubramaniam at Puravalen's house for a meeting regarding the Altantuya murder on July 2, 2008, after receiving a call from Sivarasa.

Present at the meeting were Sivarasa, Puravalen, Balasubramaniam and an ex-police officer, Raja Petra alleged.

When contacted, Sivarasa asked the New Straits Times to refer to his response posted on his blog last Tuesday.

"This is a malicious fiction created by RPK (Raja Petra) to smear me, Puravalen and Bala," he said in the blog post and denied Raja Petra's allegation that Balasubramaniam was paid RM20,000 a month by a Chinese tycoon.

"No one, including myself, offered or gave Bala any financial inducement to make the first statutory declaration," said Sivarasa.

Attempts to contact Puravalen proved futile.

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