

**Karpal Singh Demands Apology From Dr M
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GEORGE TOWN, April 22 (Bernama) -- DAP national chairman Karpal Singh has demanded that former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad retract and apologise for making highly defamatory statements against DAP advisor Lim Kit Siang, who is contesting the Gelang Patah parliamentary seat.

He said Dr Mahathir had made the highly defamatory statements in his blog, entitled 'Chedet', posted on April 11 which referred to Lim as a racist and not respecting the sensitivities of a multicultural society.

"A letter was sent to Dr Mahathir today and he has three days from tomorrow to retract (the statements) and apologise, failing which legal action will be commenced against him," he told reporters in George Town, Monday.

A police report would be lodged against Dr Mahathir over his remarks, he said adding: "Let it be a lesson for politicians during the general election campaign not to descend to personal attacks in the form of defamation and sedition."

Dr Mahathir, in his blog, said that Lim was contesting in Gelang Patah because it had a Chinese majority and was going to play on Chinese sentiments.

Outgoing Johor Menteri Besar Abdul Ghani Othman will take on opposition veteran Lim in the hot seat of Gelang Patah in the May 5 general election.

In the last general election in 2008, the BN's Tan Ah Eng from the MCA retained the Gelang Patah seat with an 8,851-vote majority, defeating PKR's Dr Zaleha Mustafa.

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