

DAP wants police to act against Umno supreme council member for 'President Karpal' jibe

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Police have been urged to play fair and conduct a thorough investigation into the "seditious" and "malicious" remarks made by Deputy Agriculture Minister Datuk Tajuddin Abdul Rahman for suggesting that Karpal Singh would be president if DAP took over the Federal government.

Karpal, who is the Bukit Gelugor member of parliament said Tajuddin's speech in Kuala Besut on July 14 had a seditious tendency, adding he does not want a repetition of this anymore.

"The police must act swiftly against Tajuddin, " Karpal said before lodging a report against the deputy minister at the Tun HS Lee police station today. He was accompanied by DAP's Lim Kit Siang, who also took a swipe at Tajuddin.

"The defamatory, seditious and malicious speech by Tajuddin is one of many recently. But no action has been taken against these people.

"Police must be seen to be fair, impartial and take immediate action."

Lim pointed out that Tajuddin's speech was not only complete lies but it went against the prime minister's calls for national reconciliation.

Both leaders noted that police have yet to take action against several leaders such as Perkasa's Ibrahim Ali and former Court of Appeals judge Mohd Noor Abdullah who have uttered seditious remarks in the past.

"Even I am being prosecuted tomorrow for a remark I made in 2009 regarding the change of state government in Perak," Karpal said.

On Sunday, in a speech at Veterinary Services Department programme in Kampung Baharu, Kuala Besut, Tajuddin warned the crowd that Karpal could be the country's first president if DAP were to take over the Federal government, if PAS won in Kuala Besut.

"The Sultan is the head of our religion. The Agong is a Muslim.

"If we become a republic, Karpal Singh then becomes the president. He would be your chief," he had said.

The Umno Supreme Council member also told the Kuala Besut electorate not to vote for PAS in order to keep DAP out of power.

"If PAS rules Terengganu, DAP would be in power," said Tajuddin, adding Karpal had claimed that if PAS were to remain in Pakatan Rakyat, it must never mention the issue of "Islamic struggle" and must "tread over his dead body" first if it were to establish an Islamic state.

The Kuala Besut by-election on July 24 will see a straight fight between engineer Tengku

Zaihan Che Ku Abd Rahman, 37, of Umno and businessman Azlan Yusof, 48, of PAS. - July 17, 2013.

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