

Anwar, Karpal lodge reports against Umno man for defamation
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Losing Permatang Pauh Umno candidate Dr Mazlan Ismail is in hot water.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his lawyer Karpal Singh have lodged police reports that Dr Mazlan had defamed them by relating the contents of 6,000 anonymous letters saying the opposition leader had paid Karpal RM50 million for fees and bribes since 2008.

"The allegations was made via 6,000 anonymous letters," Karpal told a press conference in the PKR headquarters in Petaling Jaya today.

"What is anonymous cannot be a basis in law," he said.

Karpal was irked by the accusations and said Dr Mazlan "could have gone to the police or the MACC" (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) instead of going to the mainstream press.

He also said that they would file a defamation suit against Dr Mazlan over this.

Dr Mazlan told the press yesterday that over 6,000 letters were sent to his home by an anonymous sender alleging Anwar paid Karpal over RM50 million since 2008 for legal fees and bribes of judges and prosecutors.

In response, Karpal has asked Dr Mazlan and government-backed media outlets to provide evidence to back up claims.

"My challenge to Mazlan is to produce the bank accounts, cheque numbers and the name of the individual who made these allegations."

"I also challenge TV3, Utusan and New Straits Times to do likewise," said Karpal in reference to the Umno-controlled media that reported the Umno man's accusations.

He also urged the Attorney General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail to "spring to action to defend the judiciary".

"The allegations made are against the judiciary and the deputy public prosecutors."

Vehemently denying the accusations, Karpal insisted that his years of acting as Anwar's lawyer were done without any monetary expectations.

"I defended him as a friend and I will continue to do so."

"To make allegations that I have accepted legal fees and offered bribes, these are serious in nature and I will not sit back," cautioned Karpal. - August 4, 2013.

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