

**Penang BN State Assemblyman Lodge Police Report Against PKR MP Surendran
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GEORGE TOWN, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- Two Penang Barisan Nasional (BN) state assemblymen and 15 other individuals today urged the police to act against Padang Serai MP N. Surendran whom they claimed had made unfounded accusations against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Sungai Acheh assemblyman Datuk Mahmud Zakaria said the PKR MP was intentionally inciting the public to doubt the country's judicial system.

"The authorities, especially the police, should investigate and take immediate action against Surendran who had made such accusations against the prime minister in his statement at the Palace of Justice in Putrajaya recently.

"His statement gave the impression that the prime minister had abused his authority, leading to the accusations against Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim," he told reporters after lodging a report at the North East District Police headquarters here.

Besides Mahmud, Pulau Betong assemblyman Muhammad Farid Saad and 15 other individuals from various non-governmental organisations also made police reports.

On Aug 8, Surendran and the legal counsel for Anwar protested against the Sept 8 and 9 dates for the hearing of Anwar's appeal by the Federal Court.

This followed the lead counsel Datuk Sulaiman Abdullah not being present in court due to a heart ailment and having undergone knee surgery, and being on medical leave until Oct 13.

Meanwhile, Nibong Tebal Umno Youth head Mohd Norhiesham Ismail was at the Seberang Perai Selatan Police headquarters in Jawi, Nibong Tebal, near here with representatives from five NGOs to lodge a police report against Surendran.

Mohd Norhiesham Ismail, who represented the group, said Surendran was clearly doubting the management of the case in court as he accused Najib of being involved in determining the date for the sodomy case of the Permatang Pauh MP.

"We want stern action taken against him," he said.

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