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UMNO ELECTION CANDIDATES LIST NOT FINALISED YET, SAYS ANWAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 23 (Bernama) -- Umno Deputy President Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said investigations into money politics, misuse of power and breach of the ban on campaigning are in progress although the candidates list for October's party election had been announced.

"While the names are being endorsed, it doesn't mean that the list is finalised. If there are found to have committed wrong, their candidacy will be struck out before the election," he told reporters after launching the Yayasan Guru Malaysia Berhad (YGMB) at the Stadium Negara, here today.

The list comprising 185 candidates was announced today by Umno Secretary-General Datuk Mohamed Rahmat who said they all were found to be clean.

The Umno general assembly will be held from Oct 10-12.

Anwar said the Umno Management and Disciplinary Committee Chairman of which he is the chairman would continue to study reports submitted to it to ensure that every candidate was free from alleged wrongdoings.

Asked whether the committee had the time to look through each report, he replied, "Yes. We'll meet again on Wednesday."

Anwar said there were still "naughty" activities inspite of various directives issued by him and party's president, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

For example, he said there were groups still going around and distributing list of candidates purportedly favoured by the Umno President and Deputy President.

"We want the delegates to disregard it," he said.

On claim that the committee only took action against the "small fry", Anwar said it was not true since all actions were based on concrete proofs.

"If there are proofs, we don't care (small fry or not)," he said. -- BERNAMA

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