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Anwar says he asked for police report to be made

DEPUTY Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he instructed one of his officers to lodge a police report regarding two letters sent to the Prime Minister, containing malicious and false allegations about his (Anwar's) alleged involvement in sexual affairs.

He said he had been informed that police had conducted their investigations and their findings were submitted to the Attorney-General.

"I, therefore, leave the matter with the Attorney-General who will decide on the next course of action," he told the Dewan Rakyat.

Anwar said this when he stood up to clarify statements made by Karpal Singh (DAP-Jelutong) who was debating the 1998 Budget proposals.

Karpal, during the debate, said Anwar should have lodged a police report for criminal defamation against the persons responsible for writing the two letters sent to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad alleging that Anwar was involved in a sex scandal.

Anwar said the two persons said to have written the letters swore that there was no truth in the contents and that they were made use of by certain people.

Anwar said of the four people questioned by the police, two had claimed to be police officers.

He caught the House by surprise when he stood up twice to clarify statements made by Karpal.

Karpal said Anwar must clear his name by lodging a police report although Dr Mahathir had made it clear the contents of the two letters were baseless.

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