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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim asked the Special Branch Director to see him in August last year to discuss a letter containing "wild allegations" about the former deputy prime minister, the High Court was told yesterday. 54 11 98

Comm Datuk Mohd Said Awang said Anwar had asked "me to see him alone."

Mohd Said said he went to see Anwar with several police officers on Aug 11 last year because Anwar, who was then acting Prime Minister, had wanted to know about the threat by the *syiah* group.

After the scheduled briefing, Anwar immediately asked for the private meeting, Mohd Said said in reply to a question by Senior

DPP Datuk Abdul Gani Patail.

Abdul Gani: "Why did he ask you to see him alone?"

Mohd Said: "He talked to me about a certain letter containing wild allegations. Towards the end, he requested me to look into the matter."

Abdul Gani: "What do you mean by 'look into the matter'?"

Mohd Said: "I mean for us to enquire further. I told him I would look into the matter."

Mohd Said later testified that the letter signed by one Ummi Hafilda Ali accusing Anwar of sexual misbehaviour was addressed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said a sworn statement by one Azizan Abu Bakar (Anwar's former driver) was attached to

the letter.

Both documents, totalling 19 pages, were tendered in court by Abdul Gani.

Mohd Said said that he briefed Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor the following day and was instructed to find out more about the letter.

The opening statement by Abdul Gani was in the national language, but Mohd Said, 54, testified in English.

He said two senior officers informed him about the letter.

"I was briefed that the letter was not widely circulated then."

Defence counsel Christopher Fernando objected, stating that it was prejudicial to the defence but Justice Augustine Paul overruled it.