

Assault -probe ⁴² report ^{56.11 98} handed to A-G

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KUALA LUMPUR: The independent team set up to investigate allegations that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was beaten up while being detained under the Internal Security Act has completed its probe.

It is learnt the team submitted its findings to the Attorney-General several days ago.

However, the outcome of the probe is not known as the report has been classified as "highly confidential."

It is learnt that members of the probe team, led by Malacca CID chief Assistant Commissioner Mat Zain Ibrahim, have all returned to their normal duties.

Attorney-General Tan

Sri Mohtar Abdullah could not be reached for comments.

It is learnt that the probe team members had been told that they could face stern action if heard or seen discussing the case with anyone, including their colleagues.

One source said even the Inspector-General of Police was not privy to the report.

The sources also said the two doctors, the main people who could point out the cause of the "black eye" and injury, had returned to work as well.

In the course of investigations, the probe team recorded statements from all those involved in the arrest of Anwar on Sept 20.

The team would also have traced the chain of events and who had access to Anwar from the time of his arrest up to the alleged assault.

The team was set up on the a directive from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for an independent team to investigate Anwar's allegation.

Anwar, who appeared in court on Sept.29 with a black eye and bruised neck, claimed that he was assaulted on the day of his arrest.

He also alleged that he was blindfolded and handcuffed before being punched and kicked.

He added that he became unconscious and awoke only the next morning and felt pain all over.