

# Anwar in UH for check-up

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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was admitted to Universiti Hospital here to undergo a thorough medical check-up yesterday.

Anwar, who was brought to the hospital under tight security at about 11am, was taken to a special room near the polyclinic to be examined by orthopaedic surgeon Datuk Dr Borhan Tan and senior medical staff.

The Sessions Court had directed that Anwar be examined by court-appointed medical officers.

Bukit Aman CID director Comm Datuk Yaakub Amin confirmed that Anwar was undergoing a complete medical check-up.

Security around the hospital was tight and only those with valid reasons were allowed into the compound. Reporters and photographers were barred from entering.

Police have also sealed off the floor where Anwar was being kept and no visitors, including his wife and children, were allowed.

"Anwar is being treated like any other ISA detainee who cannot have visitors," a police

official said.

It is not immediately known how long Anwar will be in hospital. He is expected to undergo X-rays and magnetic resonance imaging on his backbone, among other checks.

Early this week, Anwar, who appeared in court with a bruised left eye, alleged that he was punched and slapped by police while under detention.

The incident, which caused a public outcry over alleged police brutality, prompted the authorities to set up an independent body to investigate the claims.

Dr Borhan Tan and senior physician Datuk Dr Kew Siong Tong are assisting the probe headed by Malacca CID Chief Asst Comm Mat Zain Ibrahim.

In Sabak Bernam, Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng said the doctors would submit a report to the courts.

No deadline had been set for the submission of the report.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad gave an assurance that action would be taken against the police if the independent team's findings showed that the allegations were true.

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