

Megat Junid: I'm not part of alleged plot ¹⁶

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KUALA LUMPUR: Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob has denied that he was involved in an alleged conspiracy to topple Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Commenting on the two personal and confidential letters dated Aug 25 and 28 that Anwar sent to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad, he said:

"There is no reason for me to be involved. I was Anwar's strongest supporter in 1982 when he unseated the then Umno Youth chief Datuk Suhaimi Kamaruddin," he said after opening the Commonwealth Games '98 Celebration Sales at Mines Shopping Fair here.

Copies of the letters are being distributed by supporters of Anwar.

Megat Junid said he had

always regarded Anwar as a good friend and the number two man after the Prime Minister.

Asked if he was sore that he was being implicated in the removal of Anwar from the party and Cabinet posts, Megat Junid said: "I just accept it. In times like this, what is such an allegation compared to those which Anwar is facing?"

"What had happened to Anwar was not our wish

but it was fated," he said.

Asked if he would explain the matter to the Prime Minister, Megat Junid said: "The Prime Minister already knows I am not involved. He has never asked me about it. I am definitely not involved."

He said he had not even read the book *50 Dalil Mengapa Anwar Tidak Boleh Jadi PM (50 Reasons Why Anwar Cannot Become PM)*.