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# **PM: Cops still investigating book on Anwar**

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Home Ministry has received several complaints, including from Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, on the book "SO Dalil Mennana Anwar Tidak Boleh Menjadi Per&a Menteri" (50 Reasons Why Anwar Cannot Become Prime Minister).

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also the Home Minister, said yesterday that police were investigating all the complaints.

He was replying to Senator Datuk Zainuddin Maidin who asked whether the ministry was investigating the matter and if there was any conspiracy involved.

Dr Mahathir said court action had also been initiated and further developments in the case would depend on the court decision.

To another question by Zainuddin, Dr Mahathir, in his written reply, said it was difficult for the Government to prevent the publication and distribution of such a book which carried negative elements written "by some irresponsible group."

He said according to the Printing

and Presses Act 1984, anyone could publish and distribute books without permission from the Home Ministry.

However, he said, if such a book jeopardised public safety and morality, action could be taken by the ministry to ban the book.

Dr Mahathir said the Government always wanted to increase enforcement on printing materials under the provision of the Printing and Presses Act.

In the Dewan Negara earlier, an irate senator had members in stitches when he asked if City Hall could be sued.

Senator Datuk Mohd Zuki Kamaluddin asked Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Ibrahim Saad if one could sue City Hall over potholes.

Mohd Zuki said he asked this as his car was damaged after running into many potholes.

Dr Ibrahim said court action could be brought against City Hall but there was no guarantee whether one could win the case.

Earlier, in his reply to Senator Ibrahim Daud, Dr Ibrahim said RM30mil was spent on repairing and upgrading roads in Kuala Lumpur this year.