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A-G: All probe papers to public prosecutor only

KUANTAN, Thurs. - All criminal investigation reports are to be submitted directly to the public prosecutor and no other officers, even Ministers, should have access to them.

Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah said today that if the reports were referred to, for example, a Minister or other officials in the administration, these people did not have the right to know their contents.

He was speaking to reporters after opening a deputy public prosecutor's office at the High Court.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in responding to a question yesterday on whether he had received the preliminary report on the investigation into Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's claims that he was assaulted by police, said the report would be sent directly to the Attorney-General.

Mohtar said Dr Mahathir's statement was very correct.

"It is the responsibility of the police to submit investigation papers to the public prosecutor and not to others."

He said the public prosecutor would study the reports and issue a directive on whether the case should be prosecuted.

Mohtar said as of yesterday, his office had not received the report on the investigation into Anwar's allegations.

An independent panel has been set up to look into the claims.

Mohtar, who is on a three-day visit to Pahang, said he did not know whether his office had received the report today.

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