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Court-Anwar (Report)

AMIR DENIES HANDING OVER SECOND REPORT TO ANWAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- Former Special Branch deputy director Datuk Amir Junus denied in court today that he had handed over a second report on the alleged sexual misconduct of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to the latter.

Amir said he had no knowledge of the report which, according to Anwar's lawyers, was dated Sept 3, 1997 and given to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Amir, 55, said this during cross-examination at the trial of Anwar, the former deputy prime minister and finance minister, at the High Court.

The defence earlier claimed that the report contains the names of people involved in a conspiracy to topple Anwar from the government.

The prosecution has however informed the court that no such report existed.

Anwar, 51, faces four charges of corrupt practice for abusing his position to interfere with police investigations into allegations of sexual misconduct against him.

He is charged under Section 2 (1) of the Emergency (Essential Powers) Ordinance No 22 of 1970 which carries a maximum jail term of 14 years or a fine of RM20,000, or both, on conviction.

Justice Datuk S. Augustine Paul disallowed counsel Christopher Fernando from asking Amir about the contents of the report.

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