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`Anwar was plotting to oust Dr M'

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MARAN, Sun. - Umno supreme council member Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad said Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had planned a conspiracy to oust Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said Anwar had hoped that Umno members would no longer support Dr Mahathir's leadership thus enabling Anwar to take over the party and lead the country.

Mohamad Isa, who is also the Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar, said Anwar's conspiracy was in the form of sowing the seeds of hatred among party members towards the current leadership.

"Anwar's claim that there was a political conspiracy at the highest level to oust him is not true. This was deliberately done by him to hide his alleged sexual misconduct."

Anwar was sacked from the Government on Sept 2 for moral misconduct and was expelled from Umno a day later.

Mohamad Isa added that the Umno members, especially supreme council members, had never planned any political conspiracy against Anwar.

Mohamad Isa said this to the Maran Umno Division during a briefing on current issues at Dewan Umno in Pekan Tajau today.

Also present at the briefing were division chief Datuk Tan Mohd Aminuddin Ishak, division secretary Datuk Zainal Hassan and the division's Youth and Wanita committee members.

Mohamad Isa said Anwar's plot included the use of Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, to raise the issue of nepotism and cronyism at the last Umno general assembly.

"All the party representatives knew about the conspiracy which then led Dr Mahathir himself to explain the whole scenario to prevent any misunderstanding among party members.

Isa said certain countries were now trying to take the opportunity of the Anwar's sacking to discredit Malaysia.

He said these countries would use the electronic and print media to tarnish Malaysia's image and cause foreign investment to drop.

The people, he said, could help combat such attempts by not joining illegal gatherings, demonstrations or distributing poison-pen letters.

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