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Convey dissatisfaction via party channel, members told

JOHOR BARU, Sun. - Umno members who are not satisfied with the decision of the party leadership to expel Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, can take up the matter with their respective divisions.

Umno permanent chairman Tan Sri Sulaiman Ninam Shah said the party would have to convene an emergency general assembly to explain the issue if the need arose.

"However, no Umno division in the country has seen it necessary to call for a general meeting to discuss the Anwar issue.

"From this it can be understood that all Umno divisions and State liaison committees fully agree with the Prime Minister's decision to sack Anwar and the Government's subsequent decision to arrest him under the ISA," he said.

Sulaiman, who is one of the founder members of Umno, said he was personally convinced and satisfied with the explanation of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the supreme council's action to expel Anwar from the party.

He said: "It is very sad to note that the supporters of Anwar have taken to the streets to hold demonstrations, creating unrest in the country over the Anwar issue.

"As far as I know, this is the first time something like this has happened to Umno and the country."

Sulaiman, who was speaking to reporters after attending the official opening of the Menara Landmark office tower in Johor Baru yesterday, urged Anwar's supporters and sympathisers to stop their demonstrations and instead, devote attention to helping the country rebuild its economy.

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