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Mohamed-Anwar

DECISIONS BY UMNO PANEL HEADED BY ANWAR NOT FAIR - MOHAMED

JOHOR BAHRU, Oct 4 (Bernama) -- Some of the decisions made by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim when he was chairman of Umno's management and disciplinary committee were unfair, former Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat said today.

Calling on the party's supreme council to review the decisions, Mohamed claimed they had undermined the position of members who had come forward with information that could help to rid the party of money politics.

Mohamed alleged that Anwar, who was removed from the government and party a month ago, had abused his position as the committee's chairman.

"I think this happened a lot before the previous elections at the delegates' level," he told reporters here.

Mohamed, who is Information Minister, alleged that the committee had rejected evidence against members indulging in money politics if those accused were Anwar's supporters.

"Even though the informer has evidence such as police report, ACA report, statutory declaration, and about who gave and who received (money), all these are rejected if the people accused are his people.

"But if (such) people are seen to be opposing him, all those cases will be dealt with quickly," said Mohamed.

On the reform movement initiated by Anwar, Mohamed said it was aimed at bringing down Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Mohamed alleged that Anwar had cooperated with outsiders, including the foreign media, to arrange such moves through the party.

He said foreign governments and media did not like Dr Mahathir because he was outspoken on world issues and made it difficult for them to control Malaysia.

"They have one objective, that is to use Anwar to organise reformation but actually to topple Dr Mahathir," he added.

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