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Annuar-Mahathir

DR M SHED TEARS WHEN EXPLAINING ANWAR'S DISMISSAL: ANNUAR

BANGI, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- A minister said today Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was in tears when briefing several Umno leaders on his sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said this showed that Dr Mahathir loved Anwar and was sad over what had happened.

"Based on my experience...Dr Mahathir actually loved Datuk Seri Anwar very much," he said when opening the Rural Debelopment Institute (Infra) here.

"People accused him (Dr Mahathir) of plotting a conspiracy to victimise Anwar Ibrahim (but) I feel (the accusation) is not fair," said Annuar.

According to Annuar, Dr Mahathir was forced to remove Anwar from the government as he had strong proof of the former Deputy Prime Minister's misconduct.

Annuar also said that when he went to Argentina three months ago as a member of Dr Mahathir's delegation, he found that the foreign press gave more prominence to Anwar than the Prime Minister.

He said he then went to see Dr Mahathir with five friends (three Menteris Besar and two cabinet ministers) and quoted the Prime Minister as saying that the foreigners wanted to see Anwar and him at loggerheads.

"I already had (lost) two deputies, Tan Sri Musa Hitam and Tun Ghafar Baba, and if I lose Anwar as well, people won't say Anwar is wrong, they will say I was wrong," Annuar quoted Dr Mahathir as saying.

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