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#### Ex-DPM Anwar arrested

DATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim was arrested last night as a crowd believed to be supporters of the former deputy prime minister turned unruly near the official residence of the Prime Minister in Kuala Lumpur.

Anwar, who was sacked from the Government and Umno early this month for "low moral conduct", will be produced in court today, Kuala Lumpur police chief Datuk Kamarudin Ali told reporters last night.

Kamarudin said Anwar was arrested at his residence at Bukit Damansara at 10 pm to help police investigations into his alleged involvement in several criminal offences.

He was taken away in a police van together with his wife, Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and Negri Sembilan Umno Youth chief Roslan Kassim. Anwar was seen carrying one of his children when police took him away.

Kamarudin said there were several incidents of public disturbance, illegal assembly, criminal use of force and rioting at several locations in the federal capital yesterday evening.

"These incidents were sparked off by supporters of Datuk Seri Anwar," he added.

Kamarudin said Anwar would be produced in a Magistrate Court in Kuala Lumpur this morning on several charges including breach of peace, illegal assembly and vandalism.

He also said that Anwar cooperated with the police during the arrest and offered no resistance.

Nobody was injured during the public disturbances, Kamarudin added.

Anwar's wife Dr Wan Azizah emerged from their Damansara house later last night after the arrest and addressed the waiting supporters.

"I'm glad my husband was arrested as a hero," she said.

Dr Wan Azizah said she and her family members were taken together with Anwar in a van by police but later her husband was transferred to another vehicle.

She said she and several lawyers followed the vehicle to the Bukit Aman federal police headquarters.

She confirmed that Anwar was being held at Bukit Aman for questioning but she and the lawyers were not allowed to meet him.

"While in Bukit Aman, Datuk Jamil Johari (Police director of management) met and assured me that police will act professionally and that Anwar will be taken care of," she said.

This evening, Anwar held two illegal assemblies - one at the National Mosque and the other at Dataran Merdeka. He spoke to the crowd at the mosque before marching to the Dataran.

He also addressed the crowd at the Dataran where he was also taunting the policemen. Anwar took advantage of the weekend crowd and events lined up at Dataran Merdeka in conjunction with the Commonwealth Games to hold the gatherings.

Later, two groups of his supporters left the Dataran and made their way to Menara Datuk Onn where the Umno headquarters is located. They then marched towards the Prime Minister's residence through Jalan Mahameru.

By 8.45pm, they had gathered about one kilometre away from the road leading to Dr Mahathir's house. Many were carrying placards and shouting. As the crowd turned unruly, Federal Reserve Unit members were forced to fire tear gas to disperse them.

At about the same time, Anwar, who returned earlier to his residence on

a motorcycle, was holding a Press conference when policemen arrived.

Anwar was sacked on September 2 on allegations ranging from sexual misconduct to leaking state secrets but had repeatedly denied the allegations, saying he was the victim of a conspiracy to oust him.

Last Saturday, two men associated with him pleaded guilty in court to separate charges of allowing Anwar to sodomise them.

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