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KIT SIANG SEEKS PARLIAMENT SITTING ON ANWAR'S SACKING

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- Opposition Leader Lim Kit Siang has called for an emergency sitting of Parliament to discuss the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister.

Lim, who was among a steady stream of people who dropped by to meet Anwar at his house at Bukit Damansara here today, told reporters he had also sought a meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss what he described as a "crisis" following Anwar's firing.

Anwar was stripped of his Cabinet posts on Wednesday amidst serious allegations of sexual impropriety and other possible crimes. He has denied the allegations and said he was the victim of a conspiracy.

Lim, who is DAP secretary-general, also called for the setting up of a royal commission of inquiry to investigate the allegations made against Anwar.

"It should also investigate equally serious allegation by Anwar that instruments of government have been manipulated in a political conspiracy to topple him," he said.

"It is not a matter concerning a personality. It is a matter concerning the nation with far-reaching political economic and social implications. I'm not here to defend Anwar," he said.

He said Anwar is entitled to strict adherence to the principle that a person is innocent until proven guilty.

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