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LEAVE ANWAR ISSUE TO THE POLICE AND COURTS, SAYS LING

KOTA BAHARU, Sept 25 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik today called on the people to leave it to the police and the courts to decide on the allegations faced by former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"In my opinion, they (the allegations) all concern personal matters, and it is better for us not to make accusations.

"Let the police investigate and the court decide whether he (Anwar) is guilty or not," he told reporters after launching an exhibition on Smart Schools for Chinese primary schools in Kelantan.

Anwar, who was dismissed from the Cabinet on Sept 2 and expelled from Umno the following day, is currently detained under the Internal Security Act for involvement in activities threatening national security.

Dr Ling, who is also the Transport Minister, said the people should focus their attention on reviving the country's economy.

On Austrian Prime Minister John Howard's criticism against Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for sacking Anwar, Dr Ling said it was not right for other countries to get involved in the internal matters of Malaysia.

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