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LEE KUAN YEW SEES NO RIOTS IN MALAYSIA

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SINGAPORE, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- Singapore's Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew sees no riots in Malaysia following the detention of sacked Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim today.

Asked for his comments when he spoke at a Foreign Correspondents Association (FCA) dinner here tonight, Lee said the detention meant Anwar "had been put out of action".

On Anwar's future, he said if charged in court and evidence produced about the unnatural acts allegedly committed by Anwar, then it could be very damaging for him.

Lee, who said he had not been to Malaysia in the last eight years, also said that he was sad to see the break up of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Anwar.

He said Dr Mahathir was the man who brought Anwar into politics and "when this happened, I felt more sad for Dr Mahathir than for Anwar".

"I know how difficult it must have been for Dr Mahathir and knowing the difficulties involved, I do not think Dr Mahathir find it easy to do," he said.

Lee said he did not believe there would be civil disorder in Malaysia from the development.

He said there were institutional checks and balances in the Malaysian system that would not allow civil order to be upset.

He said Anwar may have his supporters but Muslims do not believe in gays and in gay rights.

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