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MAHATHIR COULD NOT BELIEVE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ANWAR INITIALLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad could not believe the sexual antics his former deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was accused of until he himself interviewed the men and women involved.

Dr Mahathir told reporters today the people concerned came to him to tell what had happened between them and Anwar.

"They came on their own free will and they confirmed what others had told me (about Anwar)," he told a packed news conference at the Prime Minister's Department.

Dr Mahathir then went on to describe some of the unnatural sex acts that Anwar was accused to have participated in.

One man told him that Anwar not only performed sodomy "but during the process he was ...I don't know what you call it ... masturbating the man?" said Dr Mahathir who cringed as he spoke.

Saying he did not think a man would invent a story like that, Dr Mahathir added that he was convinced that Anwar "did it."

"And this is the man who talks about other people being despicable," he said.

The Prime Minister said it was difficult for him to explain the allegations of sexual misconduct against Anwar owing to the nature of the acts.

"His behaviour was despicable. Do I go around and tell the world that this is what my deputy was doing?" said Dr Mahathir when told that many Umno leaders at the grassroot level found it difficult to explain to party members the accusations against Anwar as they themselves were not clear about the charges.

The Prime Minister said just it was difficult for him to explain, "I think it is also difficult for them (the Umno divisional leaders) to explain."

Dr Mahathir said it took him a year to accept the allegations against Anwar.

He also said that Anwar had vehemently objected to him when the police took in his adopted brother, Sukma Darmawan, for questioning in the course of their investigations into the book "50 Dalil Kenapa Anwar Tidak Boleh Jadi PM".

Sukma and another man, Dr Munawar Anees, last Saturday confessed in the sessions court here that they had been sodomised by Anwar.

Dr Mahathir said when the police first told him that there was proof in the allegations against Anwar, he told the police that "I cannot believe just like that."

"I requested that they (the witnesses) come and see me. And two of them requested to see me," he said.

Dr Mahathir also said the police told him that Anwar had used his influence when he was the deputy prime minister to prevent the police from carrying out their probe into the allegations contained in the book.

"The good image of the country has been damaged by his actions (on Sunday)," Dr Mahathir said.

Anwar led a rally on Sunday which erupted into riots and he was subsequently arrested under the Internal Security Act (ISA).

"He should have waited for the court (to prove his innocence)," Dr Mahathir said.

"I cannot accept a man who is a sodomist to become a leader of this country," the Prime Minister added.

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