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Mohamed: 90 Umno division heads on payroll

JOHOR BARU, Mon. - Umno supreme council member and former secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat today alleged that some 90 Umno division heads were believed to be in the payroll of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim or his cronies.

Mohamed, who is Information Minister, said this went on until he was sacked from the Cabinet on Sept 2 and from the party the following day.

Mohamed said feedback from party members in the divisions concerned showed that Anwar paid division heads between RM5,000 and RM10,000 a month in "allowances".

He said the divisions were also given RM2 million a year to spearhead a campaign to topple party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Mohamed said this to newsmen after briefing Umno Pulai members at a meeting today.

Mohamed also said: "It has been brought to our attention that some of Anwar's supporters have gone overseas to drum up support from NGOs there."

He said it also appeared that there was an attempt by Indonesian NGOs and individuals to export the ideals of the reformation movement that overthrew Suharto, to Malaysia.

Mohamed said the arrest of foreigners, including Indonesians, Pakistanis and Afghans, among demonstrators who created unrest in Kuala Lumpur on Sept 20, should be noted.

"The Government should consider reviewing its policy regarding the hiring of foreign workers if it finds foreigners involving themselves in our politics.

"Foreign workers in Malaysia who are viewed as visitors to the country should refrain from getting involved with Anwar's supporters and create unrest in the country."

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