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Nalla's lawyer among Anwar's visitors

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Manjeet Singh Dhillon, counsel for Magnum Corporation public affairs director Datuk S. Nallakaruppan, was among visitors to the former Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, at his Bukit Damansara residence today.

Others included International Movement for a Just World president Chandra Muzaffar and former Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff.

Outside the house, several stalls continued to sell food and drinks and video and cassette tapes of his speeches.

Islamic Development Bank president Dr Ahmed Mohamed Ali also visited Anwar. He, however, declined to talk to reporters and merely said that his visit was "personal and private."

Penang Umno Youth head Datuk Abdul Rahim Ghouse also came at 3.55pm after the special Umno Youth Executive Council meeting.

Meanwhile, a Bernama news focus today said Anwar's movements had not been restricted but he has confined himself to his house and making statements virtually taunting the authorities to arrest him.

The agency also quoted a 30-year-old bank clerk who was one of the many curious people who gathered at his house: "I came here to see what is happening ... no, no, I'm not a supporter (of Anwar)."

It added that Anwar might have secured the backing of the Opposition and non-governmental organisations in his so-called Reformation Movement but he has clearly failed to get the support from within Umno and other Barisan Nasional parties.

As the days passed, the question that is being asked by many remains: "Did he or didn't he?" the article said.

A government servant was quoted as saying that he did not believe Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was "fixing up Anwar to remove a challenge to his leadership. After all, it was he who brought Anwar into the Government and groomed him to be his successor."

A driver who was quoted said Dr Mahathir must have had solid evidence to take such action.

Also quoted in the article was an Anwar supporter who said he was convinced the charges against Anwar were trumped up and part of a conspiracy to stop him from becoming Prime Minister.

"I can never believe Anwar had done what he is said to have done," the supporter was quoted as saying.

A company executive who said he was still unsure whether to believe or not to believe said Anwar has been denying everything.

"But then, President Bill Clinton also denied everything, only to confess seven months later that he did have sex with Monica Lewinsky," he was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, Anwar made another promise tonight to go to his hometown in Cherok To'kun, Bukit Mertajam on Saturday, to address a gathering there after twice before making similar promises.

Anwar said he would also address supporters in Baling later that night.

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