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NO WRITTEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ON PLOT TO TOPPLE DR M - NAJIB

KAJANG, Sept 29 (Bernama) -- The Management and Disciplinary Committee has not received official written complaints thus far on claims that certain Umno divisions were used and given monthly allowance by former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to topple Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as party president.

Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the committee would request the Technical Committee to investigate if there were official complaints.

Anyone with proof of the divisions' involvement could send a report, he told reporters after opening an international conference on Information Technology and Multimedia at Universiti Tenaga Nasional here today.

Najib, who is also joint-chairman of the Management and Disciplinary Committee, was asked to comment on claims by Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat that some division chiefs were believed to have been paid by Anwar between RM5,000 and RM10,000 in monthly allowance.

He also claimed that some divisions were allocated between RM1 million and RM2 million to carry out subversive activities in Umno.

Asked whether the committee would asked Mohamed to lodge an official report on his claims, Najib said anybody could submit a report to the committee.

The committee would meet on Wednesday, the first after Anwar's expulsion from Umno on Sept 3. Anwar was the committee's chairman.

Najib will chair the meeting in the absence of joint-chairman Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is in New York attending the United Nations General Assembly. He will return to Malaysia only on Oct 4.

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