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NORIAN MAI DENIES POLICE INVOLVEMENT IN CONSPIRACY TO OUST ANWAR

KUALA TERENGGANU, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- There is no truth in allegations that the police were involved in the conspiracy to oust former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai said the allegations were baseless.

All actions taken by the police were in accordance with the law to restore peace and public order in the country, he told reporters after opening the Police Administrative and Civilian Staff Union meeting here today.

He also denied reports posted on the Internet that he had resigned owing to disagreement in the manner police handled Anwar's issue and the reform movement.

Norian urged the people who have Internet facilities not to believe all the messages and information fed into it as some might be true while others could be mere rumours.

He said police have set up a special unit to monitor messages posted on the Internet particularly items which were prejudicial to public peace.

The unit was established on the instruction of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also Home Minister.

Asked to comment on concerns expressed by foreign leaders on the alleged police assault on Anwar, Norian said the government and the police have promised to carry out a full inquiry into the allegations.

He said two senior medical consultants from the Kuala Lumpur Hospital have been appointed to examine Anwar, who claimed that he was assaulted by police under ISA detention.

Norian also advised civil servants and policemen not to be involved in the pro-Anwar reform movement.

Being government employees, they must be neutral and refrain from being involved in political issues, he said.

They should not discuss current political developments in the country even after work as it might give a wrong impression to the people, he said.

"The people may believe to be true what the civil servants or the policemen were saying," he said.

He also said all OCPDs have been directed to reject applications for police permits to hold gatherings to explain the reform movement initiated by Anwar.

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