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PAS DISTRESSED OVER ANWAR'S DISMISSAL

ALOR SETAR, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- PAS said today it was distressed over the dismissal of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the government and Umno and called for justice and fairness so that Anwar can clear his name.

"I am distressed over Anwar's dismissal from any of the posts (he held)," said its president, Datuk Fadzil Noor.

"I hope Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will give him a fair opportunity to make an explanation and defend himself relating to the affidavits tarnishing his image," he said.

Fadzil said that justice and fairness should be given to Anwar to defend himself against all the allegations so that the people would not be confused especially during the current economic downturn.

Meanwhile, the social reform movement, Aliran, in a statement said the allegation against Anwar remained allegations until their truth was verified.

"Whatever his alleged crimes, Anwar should be charged in open court to establish the truth of the allegations. He should be given every opportunity to defend himself and clear his name," its president, P. Ramakrishnan, said.

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