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Anwar-Reaction (Perak)

PEOPLE NEED NOT HAVE DOUBTS ANYMORE AS TO WHY DR MAHATHIR SACKED ANWAR

TELUK INTAN, Sept 19 (Bernama) -- People need not have doubts anymore as to why the Prime Minister sacked Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister and the Umno Supreme Council expelled him from Umno now that the sodomy case involving him has been proved in the Sessions Court in Kuala Lumpur, Perak Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said today.

He said the admission by Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Madja, 37 and Dr Munawar Ahmad Anees, 51, that they had allowed Anwar to introduce his penis into their anus now strengthened the statements made against Anwar by Dr Mahathir.

"They pleaded guilty in a formal court of law before a judge hence this confirms the truth of the matter," he told Bernama here.

Ramli said many Umno leaders had known of this matter and did not say so in public because they "wanted to preserve the situation and have the matter resolved in the legal way."

So now the people particularly Umno members should give their solid support and stand solidly behind Dr Mahathir and have full faith in the country's democratic system, he said.

Ramli said people who were still aligned to Anwar should now return to the true path and the Perak Umno Liaison Committee will accept back those who had followed the former Deputy Prime Minister.

Earlier speaking at a Wanita Umno function at Kota Setia, Kampung Gajah, near here, Ramli said Anwar by appearing with the DAP had shown himself to be an opportunist and did not champion the Umno spirit.

He also said Anwar had lost his sense of direction by calling on Dr Mahathir to step down.

Anwar had "dug his own hole" through his various actions, Ramli added.

In KUALA NERANG, Kedah, National Unity and Social Development Minister Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail expressed surprise that Anwar had "switched his loyalty overnight" by championing the DAP cause.

"It appears as though he has become irrational. When in the government he criticised the DAP and now he is taking up its cause particularly in the case involving Lim Guan Eng," she said.

"Anwar is accusing the government of being unfair to Lim Guan Eng who was sentenced to 18 months jail by a court of law for slandering former Melaka Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik," she said. when opening the Women's Affairs Consultative Council meeting at the Kuala Nerang Mara College here.

She also welcomed the "romance your wife" programme launched by the Kedah Government recently.

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