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Court-Anwar (Conspiracy)

POLICE PROBE COVERED POLITICAL CONSPIRACY ANGLE, SAYS OFFICER

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 16 (Bernama) -- Police investigations in Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's case also covered the "political conspiracy" angle, investigating officer SAC I Musa Hassan said today.

He told the High Court that the probe conducted by him covered all elements including the involvement of politicians.

"This is to determine if there is a political conspiracy against the accused," he said at the trial of the former deputy prime minister on four charges of using his position to interfere in police probe into allegations of sexual misconduct against him.

Cross-examined by defence lawyer Gurbachan Singh, Musa said he began his investigations on June 22 this year after taking no further action last year.

The first statements were taken from Ummi Hafilda Ali and Azizan Abu Bakar, who have both accused Anwar of sexual misconduct, he said.

Gurbachan then asked if statements were taken from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Special Functions Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin, Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor, and Police Director of Management Datuk Jamil Johari.

Musa replied that neither he nor his officers had recorded statements from any of them.

However, his officer ACP Yahya Udin was directed to get a statement from Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob in August, said Musa.

Yahya also recorded a statement from CID director Datuk Ismail Che Ros in October, he said.

Asked if any statement was taken from former Melaka chief minister Tan Sri Rahim Thamby Chik, Musa said there was but it was in connection with investigations in a different case.

As regards Dr Mahathir's political secretary Datuk Aziz Shamsuddin, Musa said: "I myself was the one who took the statement and if I am not mistaken it was in September this year."

The investigating officer said he also recorded a cautioned statement from Anwar.

Musa was also questioned on statements taken from Ma'amin Latip, who according to Azizan is an Anwar's man. Azizan has also accused Ma'amin of forcing him to sign a statutory declaration denying all matters concerning him (Azizan) in the book "50 Dalil Mengapa Anwar Tidak Boleh Jadi PM"

Musa said three statements were taken from Ma'amin at the Bukit Aman federal police headquarters.

Replying to another question, he said he met Ma'amin at the Sungai Udang police station in Melaka on Nov 19, and at Bukit Aman on Oct 26 and Nov 22.

"I was aware that Ma'amin had made a police report against me," he said and denied that police had asked the man to amend his statement.

Asked about Rahim King (or Abdul Rahim Dhalan, another man accused by Azizan of acting for Anwar), Musa said he personally recorded a statement from him on Oct 26.

Asked if he knew that Rahim King's services were often used by the prime minister in certain projects, Musa said he did not.

The court then recessed for lunch.

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