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Police start investigations on author of book disparaging Anwar

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Police have begun investigations on the author of a book which carried disparaging remarks against Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

This follows a police report lodged against Khalid Jafri who was said to have authored the Bahasa Malaysia book, 50 Dalil Mengapa Anwar Tidak Boleh Menjadi PM (50 Reasons Why Anwar Cannot Become Prime Minister).

The report was lodged at the Dang Wangi police station on Friday - the first day of the Umno general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre.

City police chief Datuk Kamarudin Ali today confirmed that a police report was lodged against Khalid, who was a former sports editor of Utusan Malaysia and editor-in-chief of the defunct Harian Nasional tabloid.

"We will carry out our investigation as a result of the report," he said, but declined to identify the person who lodged the report.

Kamarudin refused to say whether the police had detained Khalid to help in investigations.

He was speaking to reporters after opening the Cheras district crime-prevention campaign at the Leisure Mall in Cheras.

On Wednesday, Anwar had obtained an injunction from the Kuala Lumpur High Court against the author and publisher of the book.

A statement by his solicitors, Messrs Faiz & Co, identified the author as Khalid Jafri, and the publisher as Media Pulau Lagenda.

Yesterday, Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the party would investigate the book's contents and find the reason why the book was written.

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