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SCUFFLE OVER ANWAR'S CIVIL SUIT DOCUMENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 12 (Bernama) -- A scuffle broke out between a local reporter and a member of the public over Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's civil suit documents distributed outside the Federal Court here today.

The incident occurred at about 3.30pm when an unidentified man who claimed to be from a publishing company, tried to grab the documents belonging to a local reporter.

Anwar, who was sacked as deputy prime minister and finance minister on Sept 2, filed a suit against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir and the government of Malaysia seeking a court declaration that his dismissal was unconstitutional.

The scuffle happened as Anwar's lawyer Karpal Singh was distributing limited copies of the documents to local and foreign journalists.

Also present were Anwar's wife Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail, daughter Nurul Nuha and two other lawyers of Anwar, Pawancheek Merican and Kamar Ainiah Kamarulzaman.

As a result of the scuffle, the 17-page documents were split between the two sides.

A quarrel subsequently broke out between the reporter and the man.

Several other reporters who were unable to get the documents also intervened in the quarrel, questioning the man's right to have the documents.

At this point, some of the reporters asked Karpal whether members of the public could have access to the document.

Karpal who did not realise the incident as he was busy with the press, later answered: "Ignore them".

The suit was filed by Messrs Karpal Singh and Co at the High Court Registry at Wisma Denmark.

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