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UMNO DIVISION DENIES SUPPORTING ANWAR'S REFORM MOVEMENT

MELAKA, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- Kota Melaka Umno division chief Datuk Amid Nordin today denied that the division was involved in the reform movement initiated by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"Previously we supported Anwar because he was the Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Umno President...now he is no longer a member of the party, so why support him anymore," he said.

Speaking at a news conference here, Amid also denied that his division was involved in subversive activities to topple the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the division's support for Dr Mahathir and for the Prime Minister's sacking of Anwar was clear and should not be questioned by anyone.

On Tuesday, Melaka state assembly speaker Datuk Nasir Manap called on Umno headquarters to investigate Kota Melaka Umno division saying its leaders were among those involved in activities to bring down Dr Mahathir and in organising a ceramah of the reform movement here on Sept 13.

"This division was among the first to express support for the Prime Minister and the party's supreme council with regard to the action against Anwar...We sent a letter of support on Sept 9," said Amid.

He said the division would now write to Umno headquarters about Nasir's statement which he alleged was not supported by evidence.

"We are also prepared to be investigated, and if the party accusing us has proof please bring it to the supreme council," he added.

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