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ANWAR'S ACCOUNTS: UMNO WANTS THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 29 (Bernama) -- Umno wants a thorough investigation to be made following the exposure by former Bank Negara Assistant Governor Datuk Abdul Murad Khalid yesterday that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim allegedly controls 20 master accounts, amounting to some RM3 billion, to further his political ambition.

Umno Information Chief Datuk Dr Yusof Nor said this was necessary to determine the truth of all the allegations made.

"We believe, former Bank Negara Assistant Governor dare to say it because there are evidence as well as with the sense of full responsibility after taking into consideration the interest of the religion, race and country," he said in a statement issued, here today.

Yusof, who expressed shock over the whole thing, said all Umno members had taken a firm stand to reject such behaviour, more so when it occurred while Anwar was still in the government and as deputy prime minister.

"If the allegations are true, it's a good process to save Umno from being led by a leader whose sincerity is questionable," he said.

Meanwhile, the Umno Youth also urged on authorities concerned to investigate immediately the allegations because of their serious nature.

Its assistant secretary, Zulkifli Mohd Alwi said in a statement the exposure made by Abdul Murad had proven once and for all that the accusation made by Anwar and opposition leaders that the government leadership in particular Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had conspired to topple Anwar was false and unfounded.

"Umno Youth wishes to advise the people not to be influenced by various instigations of the opposition parties which have their own agenda as well as urging Keadilan members who have been misled to start afresh," he said.

The Umno Youth also urged Karpal Singh to display greater professionalism in conducting Anwar's sodomy case.

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