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APPROPRIATE FOR GOVT TO CONSIDER SETTING UP INDEPENDENT COMMISSION

TUMPAT, Jan 7 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said today it is an appropriate move for the Federal Government to consider suggestions that an independent commission be set up to probe into the injuries sustained by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim while he was in police custody.

He said such a move was necessary as many people including those at international level had been awaiting the outcome of the report on the investigations and a clear decision on the incident involving the former deputy prime minister.

Nik Aziz was speaking to reporters after launching the Students Welfare Development Fund of the Middle East University Preparatory Studies Centre here.

Yesterday Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said the government would consider the suggestions from various groups that an independent commission be set up to further investigate the case of injuries sustained by Anwar while in custody at the Bukit Aman Police Headquarters in late September.

The call for an independent commission was made following the statement by Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah two days ago that police officers caused some of the injuries to Anwar but the person or persons had yet to be identified.

Anwar was sacked as Deputy Prime Minister on Sept 2 last year.

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