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Ex-DPM: Megat Junid was involved

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob was involved in the preparation of Azizan Abu Bakar's sworn statement which was sent to the Prime Minister, the High Court was told today.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the statement, in which Azizan alleged he was sodomised by him, as well as the letters by Ummi Hafilda Ali were "drafted together with Megat Junid."

The letters and statement were then sent to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Anwar, who was making his defence, said he was told this by his former private secretary Mohd Azmin Ali, who is Ummi's brother.

He said Azmin told him that Ummi had to continue with her concocted story against him (Anwar) as she had already received a reward for it.

Anwar said Azmin also stated that Ummi had met First Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin, former Malacca Chief Minister Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik and the Prime Minister's political secretary Datuk Aziz Shamsuddin.

Anwar also said he met Nor Azman Abdullah also known as Beginda from Sarawak last year. Nor Azman told him that he, together with Datuk Sng Chee Hua and Ummi had just returned from London.

Anwar said Nor Azman told him that Ummi and Azizan had been partly rewarded in connection with the conspiracy against him.

He said Nor Azman told him (Anwar) to be careful as this "group" was ready to do anything including slander, fabricate and "he even used the term 'kill'".

Judge Datuk Arifin Jaka adjourned at 3.40pm after Anwar complained he was not feeling well.

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