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Azizan: Sworn statement on sodomy meant for PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Azizan Abu Bakar made a sworn statement that he was sodomised by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for the purpose of giving it to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the High Court heard today.

Azizan said he had hoped the Prime Minister would order an investigation into his allegations on receiving the statement.

He knew the Prime Minister had received the statement, Azizan said when re-examined by Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah.

Azizan said he was not involved in any conspiracy to topple Anwar by concocting the sodomy story.

After Mohtar completed his re-examination, Anwar's leading counsel Christopher Fernando applied to further cross-examine Azizan.

Judge Datuk Arifin Jaka allowed this after submissions from both parties.

Fernando: I put it to you that you did not mention in the previous trial that you were sodomised by Anwar in his house?

Azizan: I am sorry Your Lordship, I cannot remember.

Fernando: You said only in posh hotels?

Azizan: I disagree.

Fernando: I put it to you again that at the previous trial you did not mention at all that you were sodomised by Anwar at his house?

Azizan: I disagree.

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