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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS LEADING TO IGP'S RESIGNATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 7 (Bernama) -- The following is a chronology of events leading to the resignation of Malaysia's Inspector General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor over the injuries sustained by sacked Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim while in police custody.

Sept 20: Anwar is detained at his residence in Damansara Kuala Lumpur hours after he led a march of his supporters from the National Mosque to the Merdeka Square.

Police accuse Anwar of being involved in incidents leading to breach of peace, illegal assemblies, violence and rioting.

Sept 21: Police issue statement saying that Anwar has been detained under the Internal Security Act (ISA).

Sept 27 : Anwar lodges police report about injuries he sustained while at the police lockup at Bukit Aman Police Headquarters.

Sept 29: Anwar, appears for the first time in public since his detention when he is brought to court to face nine charges of corruption and four charges of sodomy.

Anwar who appeared with a black left eye told Sessions Court Judge Hasnah Datuk Hashim that police beat him at the Bukit Aman Police lockup after he had been detained on Sept 20.

On the same day, police confirmed that a special investigation team had been set up to probe into the former deputy prime minister's claims.

The Special Team headed by Melaka CID Director ACP Mat Zin Ibrahim that was set up would report directly to the Attorney-General.

Oct 3 : Anwar is taken to the University Hospital for a check up.

Oct 4: Anwar leaves the University Hospital.

Oct 14: Anwar is freed from ISA detention and taken to Sungai Buloh Prison.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad says the preliminary report on the investigations into Anwar's claims that he was beaten by police will be sent direct to the Attorney-General.

Oct 15: Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah said he had not received the report on the investigations into the claims by Anwar that he was beaten by police and denied a newspaper report that the report was ready.

Nov 19: The Police Investigation file is given to the Attorney-General.

Nov 20: The Attorney-General confirms that he had received the report from the special investigation team and it was being studied by him and senior officers of his department's prosecution division.

Dec 4: Mohtar appoints Forensic Consultant of Kuala Lumpur Hospital Dr Abdul Rahman Yusuf to help him study from forensic aspects Anwar's claims and the injuries on his body as mentioned in the various medical reports.

Dec 21: Dr Abdul Rahman hands over his special report to the Attorney-General.

Dec 30: Mohtar directs the special investigation team to complete the investigation by recording statements from nine senior police officers, which had yet to be recorded.

They are Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor (Inspector-General of Police), Tan Sri Norian Mai (Deputy Inspector General of Police), Datuk Mohd Ghazali Yacub (Director of Internal Security and Public Order) Datuk Mohd Jamil Johari (Police Director of Management), Datuk Yaacob Mad Amin (CID

Director, Bukit Aman)

Datuk Mohd Yusof Abdul Rahman (Special Branch Director), Datuk Kamaruddin Ali (Chief Police Officer Kuala Lumpur), Datuk Ramli Yusoff (Deputy CID Director, Bukit Aman) and Datuk Meor Chek Hussein Mahayuddin (Commander Police Special Force)

Jan 5: Mohtar said some of the injuries on Anwar's body were caused by police officers and that the Royal Malaysia Police was fully responsible for the injuries.

However at this stage of the investigations the person or persons responsible for causing the injuries could not be identified.

Mohtar said based on the evidence obtained so far there was no prima facie case to enable prosecution under Section 323 of the Penal Code of those involved.

Various groups including political parties and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) ask the government to set up an independent commission to probe into Anwar's injuries.

Jan 6: The Prime Minister says the government will consider suggestions that an independent commission be set up to investigate Anwar's injuries.

Jan 7: Abdul Rahim who has been with the police force since 1969 and who became the Inspector General of Police in 1994 announces resignation.

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