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Inquiry

COMMISSION BEGINS PROBE ON ANWAR IBRAHIM'S INJURIES

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 22 (Bernama) -- The royal commission investigating injuries allegedly sustained by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim while in police custody last September began its open inquiry at the Jalan Raja court complex, here, today.

The three-member panel comprises former Chief Judge of Malaya Tan Sri Anuar Zainal Abidin, who is its head, former Court of Appeal judge Datuk Mahadev Shankar and orthopaedic surgeon Datuk Dr Yeoh Poh Hong.

Former Attorney-General Tan Sri Abu Talib Othman has been appointed to lead the inquiry with Home Ministry deputy secretary-general Datuk Ismail Hamzah as commission secretary.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced the establishment of the commission last month following suggestions by various quarters.

The commission is expected to submit its findings to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong as soon as possible.

Anwar, who was removed as deputy prime minister and finance minister on Sept 2 and arrested on Sept 20 for allegedly leading an unlawful assembly, appeared at the Sessions Court on Sept 29 with the infamous black eye.

He claimed he had been beaten unconscious while in police custody and a police report had been lodged on Sept 27.

Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah, in his statement on Jan 5, said that injuries sustained by Anwar on certain parts of his body had been proven to be caused by the police while he was in their custody.

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