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CRITICISMS MAY HAVE LED TO MY REMOVAL- ANUAR

ALOR SETAR, June 24 (Bernama) -- Former Merbok Umno Division Information Chief Mejar (Rtd) Anuar Abdul Hamid who was sacked from that post two days ago said today his removal could be due to his criticisms which made some groups uneasy.

"What actually happened is that some groups became uneasy when I pointed out the defects in the financial statement for the year ending Dec 31, 1998 during the committee meeting on June 6," he said.

Anuar said he had also criticised the failure to record in the minutes of the meeting the "important matters" that were discussed and decided at the meeting.

He this in a statement in response to a press report on his sacking by the Merbok Umno Division head Arzmi Hamid.

"I should in fact be called upon by the divisional head and told of my mistakes if any but this was not done. I was booted out without any reason."

"This is a cruel exercise of power particularly so when the election is approaching," he said.

Anuar said he was sad because he was not given the opportunity to show cause as to why he should not be sacked or to defend himself before any action was taken against him by Arzmi.

"This action is untimely and went against the call made by the Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during the Umno General Assembly that divisional heads foster closer relationship among members to prevent disunity," he said.

He said Arzmi's statement on his removal was very confusing and many Umno members in the division had contacted him and said he had been removed for allegedly joining the reformasi movement and for joining Parti Keadilan Nasional.

"This is all not true and amounts to slander.....I and the Merbok Division Wanita head Rosnah Majid were among the first to go to the branches and explain to members the case against former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim," he said.

"This allegation against me is baseless. I am and will always be a loyal Umno member," Anuar said.

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