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Explain wealth, Kamaruddin told

KANGAR, Thurs. - Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's close associate and adviser Datuk Kamaruddin Jaafar has been told to steer away from inconsequential issues and instead concentrate on explaining the actual source of his wealth.

Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, in making the call, lambasted Kamaruddin for trying to incite the people against the Government and the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We know who Kamaruddin is and how he accumulated his wealth.

"He should tell the people how he got hold of all that money instead of trying to run down others through lies and slander."

Shahidan was speaking to reporters after officiating at the State-level launching of the Permodalan Nasional Bhd unit trust scheme Amanah Saham Nasional 2 at the Putra Palace Hotel today.

Kamaruddin, when announcing his Pas membership in Tumpat, Kelantan, yesterday, called on the people to refer to the Prime Minister only as "Mahathir."

In his Government-bashing speech, Kamaruddin had accused Dr Mahathir as not fit for the titles bestowed upon him.

The former secretary of the Malaysian Islamic Youth movement was sacked from Umno on July 5 with eight others after the party's supreme council found them guilty of assisting and joining Opposition parties.

Kamaruddin is the principal shareholder of several major projects such as the RM10 billion Kuala Lumpur Linear City project and the RM1.29 billion Kuala Lumpur Rapid People Mover project.

He is also a shareholder in the RM19.06 million privatisation of Sabah Shipyard through Westmount Industries.

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