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Rafidah-Anwar

I WILL NOT FORGIVE ANWAR, SAYS RAFIDAH

KUALA KANGSAR, July 18 (Bernama) -- International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said today she will not forgive Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim if the former deputy prime minister has intended to tarnish her image through a recent police report.

" As a Muslim, I will not forgive him if Anwar and his cliques have malicious intent against me by alleging that I indulge in such (corrupt) practices. In the name of ALLAH, I will not forgive him," she told reporters after opening the hostel of the Tsung Wah Independent Secondary School, here.

Anwar, who is serving a six-year jail term for corrupt practice, lodged a police report on July 9 against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for not pressing corruption charges against Rafidah.

She was alleged to have approved the allocation of shares to her son-in-law.

In an emotional voice, Rafidah said her conscience were clear on the allotment of shares and investigations into the case had been completed.

"I've nothing to hide as everything has been cleared and done in a transparent manner. I have the records (on the matter)," said Rafidah, the Member of Parliament for Kuala Kangsar.

She explained that she did not allocate the shares but by the company concerned to Fazrin Azwar, who happened to be her son-in-law.

She said Fazrin was representing the legal firm which was acting for the companies.

"I personally was not involved in the decision-making of allotting the shares as the decision was made by the committee members (share allotment)," she said.

Asked whether she would sue Anwar, Rafidah said she had no such intention because she believed in divine retribution.

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