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Lewd videotapes: Keadilan lodges two police reports

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Parti Keadilan Nasional lodged two police reports yesterday on the circulation of videotapes allegedly showing sexual misconduct on the part of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Pas candidate Mohamad Sabu.

Keadilan deputy president Dr Chandra Muzaffar said today the videotapes attempted to portray the former Deputy Prime Minister, now in jail, and Mohamad, who is contesting in Kuala Kedah, as being guilty of gross sexual misconduct.

"The Anwar videotape, entitled Siapa Anwar, contains lewd language and is clearly pornographic in content. The other videotape is called Skandal Sex Mat Sabu," Chandra said.

Keadilan Bandar Tun Razak head Mohd Zainuddin Amran and Cheras division head Onn Abu Bakar lodged their reports on the circulation of the videotapes, at the Sungai Besi police station yesterday.

Chandra said the videotapes contained telephone conversations between Anwar and various men and women and the confessions of Sukma Dermawan, Meor Abdul Razak and Dr Munawar Anees before the court hearing.

Mohamad's tape alludes to the charge of close proximity he had to answer a few years ago.

The 15 to 20 videotapes were found by Keadilan workers in various parts of the city and in Kelantan and Kedah at bus stops and telephone booths.

"Keadilan views the circulation of the Anwar tape as yet another vicious and malicious endeavour by his political and corporate foes to discredit and denigrate him.

"If there is even an iota of credence in the contents why were the various alleged sexual misdemeanours not presented in court as evidence during Anwar's first trial?

"Is it because the lies will not withstand the penetrating probe of judicial scrutiny?"

He said Sukma, Meor and Munawar had alleged that their confessions - some of which appeared on the tape - were obtained under duress when they were psychologically tortured and humiliated for the evidence.

"To this day the authorities have not responded to the affidavits of the three men. Instead of using the legal process to deal with it, they have allowed vile, mischievous political machinations to character assassinate the man (Anwar)," Chandra said.

Keadilan called on "Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's regime" to stop the mean and dirty political tactics against the opposition front.

"The dissemination of political pornography merely confirms that the Barisan Nasional leadership has no qualms about using the foulest and filthiest tactics to win the election," Chandra said.

Asked if the videotapes would be sent to experts to verify their authenticity, Chandra said there was no need to do so.

"We know the motive of the (circulation of the) videotapes ... the police are responsible for investigations and whether they want to send them to experts or not is up to them."

He said that the election would get dirtier as the BN had resorted to mean and dirty tricks. There were more to come, he added.

"BN is doing this because their reports of the general election show that they are not making headway."

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