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MB WANTS INVESTIGATION INTO DOCUMENTS KEPT BY ANWAR OVERSEAS

SHAH ALAM, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar said today that the authorities should look into action that could be taken against former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for keeping government documents overseas.

He expressed dismay over the statement by Anwar's former political secretary, Ezam Mohamed Nor, who is head of the Youth movement of the National Justice Party (Keadilan), regarding the matter.

The Umno Youth should lodge a police report so that the matter could be investigated immediately, he said.

Abu Hassan said that the authorities should study whether legal action could be taken against those responsible for taking away the documents to be kept overseas.

"This clearly shows that there was intention by Anwar to topple the government and leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he told reporters after the presentation of the MS9002 certification to B&Z Plastic Industry Sdn Bhd, here.

Newspaper reports today quoted Ezam as saying at a ceramah in Kampung Gajah two days ago that Anwar had kept six boxes of government documents overseas and the documents would be exposed one after another at the right time.

Abu Hassan said that he was shocked over the fact that a person of Anwar's stature was prepared to take away such documents overseas.

Meanwhile, the menteri besar who returned today from Kelantan, said that from feedback, he was confident that the Barisan Nasional would be able to capture Kelantan from PAS in the coming election.

Abu Hassan said that he opened the Wakaf Baharu state BN constituency's operations room and the response shown by the people indicated that the people of Kelantan wanted change.

He said that many people in Kelantan had also wanted the Selangor government's subsidiaries to invest in Kelantan and he had given his assurance that this would be done when the BN recaptures the state.

The Selangor Umno liaison committee, given the task of adopting the Pasir mas parliamentary constituency, would work hard to ensure a BN victory in the constituency just like in Tuaran when the committee adopted the state constituency in the Sabah state election.

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