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Court-Anwar (Haniff)

EX-IGP SATISFIED WITH POLICE PROBE ON ANWAR

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- Former Inspector-General of Police Tun Haniff Omar told the High Court today he was satisfied with the Special Branch investigations into alleged misconduct by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said the action of the SB in reporting to him and not making a police report on the former deputy prime minister's alleged misconduct was right and in accordance with established SB procedures.

"As the IGP then, I was satisfied that investigations were carried out orderly and in accordance with procedures normally used in the SB," he said when testifying at the sodomy trial of Anwar and his adopted brother Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Madja.

Anwar, 51, is accused of sodomising his wife's former driver, Azizan Abu Bakar at no. 10-7-2, Tivoli Villa, Jalan Medang Tanduk, Bangsar here at 7.45pm between January and March 1993.

Sukma, 38, is jointly tried on the same charge and faces another charge of abetting Anwar to commit the offence at the same time and place.

Replying to senior DPP Datuk Abdul Gani Patail, Haniff said the other person mentioned by the SB report as allegedly having sexual relations with Anwar was Dr Munawar.

(Dr Munawar Anees, a Pakistani holding US permanent resident status, was one of Anwar's speechwriters.)

On Saturday, Haniff claimed in the court that Anwar had sexual relations with three persons, two of whom he named as Sukma and fashion designer Mior Abdul Razak Yahya.

He said that as the IGP, he was responsible only to the prime minister and home minister and would brief them on only matters relating to security and crime, and not politics except if the political activities contained elements of security.

He added that at the time he received information of Anwar's alleged misconduct in 1993, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was both the prime minister and home minister.

Earlier, when cross-examined by Anwar's counsel Karpal Singh, Haniff said the RM100,000 he received every month at present included his salaries, allowances, pension and rental income from properties owned by him.

Haniff, who is director of six companies, said he did not hold any stake in Binariang (the company in which he is the chairman) but was paid a monthly allowance of RM20,000.

On his appointment to the board of Genting Bhd, Haniff said it was at the request of the group's executive chairman Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong whom he knew since 1974.

"Lim's son, who is the managing director of Genting Bhd, is a member of the Sri Aman Badminton Club in which I am a member while Lim's son-in-law was my former classmate," he said.

To another question, Haniff said he had owned 11 million shares in Kentucky Fried Chicken jointly with a few others, but sold them at a loss of RM75,000.

At this point, Justice Datuk Arifin Jaka told Karpal: "I think I had enough of this. Please don't proceed with such questions."

Asked further about his role in Genting Bhd, Haniff said although he was the deputy chairman he did not manage the group's operations.

He said that apart from gaming activities, the group was involved in

the hotel line, paper production, plantation sector and palm oil processing.

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