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POLICE ALREADY STARTED PROBE INTO EX-ACA CHIEF's TESTIMONY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 2 (Bernama) -- Police said they have indeed opened an investigation into Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) former director-general Datuk Shafie Yahya's sworn statement in the sodomy trial of former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The probe, in accordance with Section 2 of Emergency Ordinance 22, (Essential Powers) 1970, followed a report lodged by Anwar last June 13 at the the Tun H.S.Lee police station.

The federal police headquarters in Bukit Aman here said this in a statement today issued by Supt Benjamin Hasbie, the federal police public relations chief.

"Following a report lodged by Anwar last June 13 at the the Tun H.S.Lee police station, police have in fact opened an investigation into the matter," said Benjamin.

Shafie's court statement was relating to Prime Minister's Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's directive that the ACA cease investigating then Economic Planning Unit Director-General Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan in June 1998.

In the Bukit Aman statement, police also confirmed receiving a memorandum yesterday from PAS youth vice chief Salahuddin Ayub demanding investigation into Shafie's testimony.

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