

RCI on Teoh mere smokescreen, says Anwar
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PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim said the soon-to-be established Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) will not uncover the truth on Teoh Beng Hock's death.

He said the government has a habit of blatantly disregarding "incontrovertible evidence" as seen in the RCI over the Lingam tape controversy.

"Remember the VK Lingam tape case? The scope was limited but still it clearly confirmed the authenticity of the tape and the involvement of certain personalities," he said.

Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak announced the establishment of the RCI after the coroner in Teoh's inquest declared an open verdict.

Though coroner Azmil Muntapha Abas ruled out both homicide and suicide, the RCI will not look into the cause of death and instead probe whether Teoh's human rights were violated by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

Anwar said the coroner's findings show that the enforcement agencies and the judiciary are incompetent.

"(They) can't even establish that (murder or suicide)... so (they) try and deflect (the situation) by setting up a RCI, and the terms of reference would be limited," said Anwar during a press conference at the party headquarters.

'Delay tactic'

He said the RCI was a tactic to delay a conclusive judgment and that even if it comes up with a "positive decision", the federal government will ignore its report.

Citing the RCI on the Lingam tape again, Anwar said no criminal action was taken against several individuals implicated of influencing judicial appointments.

He said the RCI wound up in a dead end because it was left "to the attorney-general who is blatantly complicit to many other crimes".

"And now (former Kuala Lumpur CID chief) Mat Zain (Ibrahim) has resurfaced the black-eye incident. He was the investigating officer of the case, he has all the records and is privy to all the evidence," said Anwar.

He said Mat Zain had made damning allegations against the attorney-general Abdul Gani Patail and former inspector-general of police Musa Hassan for manipulating evidence but this has been ignored.

"So (do) you expect us to trust the system under these circumstances?" asked Anwar.

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