



**Rahimi: I am  
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Anwar Ibrahim's former aide Rahimi Osman had given his statement to the police on Friday, to assist into investigations over him being allegedly forced to sign two statutory declarations implicating Najib Abdul Razak and Rosmah Mansor.

Rahimi told *Malaysiakini* that he was questioned that day.

"The police took down my statement on Friday. I was there for between two to three hours for the investigating officer to record my statement," he said, adding he does not want to disclose where he had his statement recorded.

Rahimi had lodged a police report on Wednesday saying he was forced to sign two statutory declaration by lawyers acting for Anwar.

Although he had not named the lawyers in the press conference, his police report states that one of them was Latheefa Koya, who is now PKR information chief.

In the report, he has alleged that the second statutory declaration was to amend the content of the first document which had implicated Najib and his wife Rosmah in an alleged conspiracy over Anwar's second sodomy trial.

Tomorrow, Latheefa, along with another lawyer Saiful Izham Ramli, have been summoned to appear before the Commercial Crime Investigation Division in Bukit Perdana to give their statements.

'I am not protecting PM'

Rahimi refuted allegations that what he did was towards defending the prime minister and his wife.

"Furthermore, as prime minister why is there a need for him to get into this as the police is investigating it. Let the police do their job. The people may understand that the PM has many things on his hand which he had to focus on like the economy.

"There is no need to trouble the PM with his important job. Furthermore, he is engaged in tabling the budget this Friday," he said, adding he merely wanted to correct his mistake by telling the truth.

The former political aide was asked whether he felt disheartened as several people had alleged that he was protecting the prime minister and his wife, while the two of them had chosen to keep quiet.

Rahimi (*left*) said he does not feel hurt by such remarks as he considered them coming from a person who does not have "enough attention" from his boss (Anwar).

He added that he preferred the prime minister and his wife not to issue any statements as what is important is for him to be the captain in guiding Malaysia.

"There is no need for him to entertain such allegations. They always claim Umno is fanatic but they do not at look themselves in the mirror," he said.

Rahimi acknowledged there are others who continue to question why is he raising the matter now, whereas it had been answered and reported in the various media.

"My advice to the so-called leaders is to use your brain and not to gain cheap popularity from the top leaders. I know there are two or three higher echelon leaders in PKR who view them to be much lower than others," he said.

There are others who question who brought Rahimi to be hired at Anwar's office, to which he replied that the question should be answered by Anwar himself.

"What is important is that I was not recruited by someone within PKR. I have been a party supporter from the very beginning," he said.

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