

Anwar on sub purchases, Abdul Razak and Mongolian's murder

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KUALA LUMPUR: The public are entitled to know that investigations on the murder of Mongolian Altantuya Shaariibuu were carried out without fear or favour, and that all those responsible will be brought to book, said Parti Keadilan Rakyat adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said questions had also been raised about whether Altantuya had a role in the government's purchase of the Scorpene and Agosta submarines from France in a deal costing nearly one billion euros (RM4.6 billion).

"We find it totally unacceptable the reasons given by the government that there is no question of corruption or accountability because the commission that was paid was between the seller and a third party and did not involve government funds.

"This is a blatant lie because no manufacturer would give such huge commissions unless that has already been factored into the pricing of the purchases of the submarines," he told a press conference at his residence yesterday.

"The payment of this commission of 114 million euros (RM530 million) is exorbitant by any standard. The public have the right to know who

are the beneficiaries of this massive payout?" he said.

Anwar said the *Far Eastern Economic Review* in 2002 had reported that Perimekar Sdn Bhd would receive 8% of the total contract value over the next six years. He said according to the publication, Perimekar was fully owned by Ombak Laut, a company owned by political analyst Abdul Razak Abdullah and his associates.

He said Ombak Laut then sold 40% of Perimekar to Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera and a sister company.

Asked how he came to know about all this, Anwar said he was privy to some of the information – but did not elaborate how – while the rest was publicly known.

Abdul Razak, 46, is charged with abetting in the murder of Altantuya, 28, on Oct 18.

During the press conference, the former deputy prime minister also commented on the Election Commission chairman's call for legislative reform so that it can uphold the democratic process of fair and transparent elections.

He said the chairman's admission showed that the entire process was flawed.