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PM: No role for Musa, Abdul Gani in sodomy probe

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KEPALA BATAS: Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan and Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail will play no part in the investigation of an allegation of sodomy against Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said both Musa and Abdul Gani would have no role whatsoever in the case.

He added that police officers involved in the case would also not refer to their boss or the A-G in the course of their investigation.

Asked if Musa and Abdul Gani should be suspended pending the completion of the investigation, Abdullah said: "They will not be involved at all in the case and the investigating officers will also not refer to them. Therefore, I do not see any reason why they should be suspended."

Abdullah was speaking after attending a function organised by the Island College of Technology at Dewan Millennium here yesterday.

He was asked to comment on the role of Musa and Abdul Gani in the sodomy investigation since Anwar, the Parti Keadilan Rakyat de facto leader, had lodged a report against them.

Anwar had said he did not trust the police to conduct an impartial investigation as he claimed to have

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proof that Musa and Abdul Gani had fabricated evidence against him during the "black eye" investigation in 1998.

The Anti-Corruption Agency has since recorded statements from Anwar, Musa and Abdul Gani as well as other witnesses.

Abdullah was also asked to comment on reports about internal problems faced by the contractors of the Second Penang Bridge.

He said there was no need to go into details as the government had already given an assurance the bridge would be built.

Earlier, Abdullah presented letters of offer and Mara loans to 350 students who would be pursuing their studies at the Island College of Technology.