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Dr M: Aziz was not involved

Former political secretary had no hand in Anwar's court case

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SHAH ALAM: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has denied that his former political secretary Datuk Seri Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin had a hand in the 1998 court case against Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"I received the information from the police and then discussed it with the mentris besar and Umno supreme council members. Only then was the

decision made," said the former prime minister.

"How could Aziz have had such influence in the decision-making? If he had, then he would have been a Prime Minister," he said.

Dr Mahathir was commenting on the issue brought up by the Opposition in their series of *ceramah* in Shah Alam.

They claimed that Dr Mahathir had some regrets over the decision made in Anwar's case and that he was misled by Aziz.

Aziz served as Dr Mahathir's political secretary between 1981 and 1999. He is now the incumbent for the Shah Alam parliamentary seat.

Dr Mahathir was speaking to the press after dropping by to see the Shah

Alam election machinery in Section 11 yesterday. He was accompanied by his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

When asked to comment on the claim made by PAS that he is sympathetic towards the opposition party, Dr Mahathir said he had never supported them.

