

No action unless he's charged

PM: There's no need for Sivakumar to go on leave

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KUALA LUMPUR: There is no need for Human Resources Minister V. Sivakumar to go on leave over the ongoing graft investigations into migrant worker approvals, said the Prime Minister.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim pointed out the matter was still being investigated by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), and no charges have been made against anyone so far.

"We have to differentiate the process involving an investigation (and after charges are brought), so I leave it to the MACC. If there are charges, then it will be a different matter.

"As such, we cannot make presumptions. What is important is that in the fight against corruption, we are firm and not con-



Literary insight:

Anwar sharing a light moment with national laureate Datuk Seri A. Samad Said (second left) at the launch of the books at Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka in Kuala Lumpur.
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cerned with which party or group will be offended.

"This is our principle," he told reporters here yesterday.

On Sunday, Sivakumar had been

called in by graft investigators.

MACC chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki confirmed that Sivakumar was summoned to assist in its investigations into allegations of corruption involving the recruitment of foreign workers.

Anwar said it was best not to make any assumptions, apart from the fact that Sivakumar had gone to answer some questions

from the MACC.

Earlier, Anwar launched the books *Sayr Al-Salikin's Masterpiece* and *Hikayat Iskandar Zulkamain* here at Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka.

Last week, three people, including two of Sivakumar's officers, were picked up in connection with the case.

The remand order for the three suspects ended yesterday