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'No one will be shielded from corruption probes'

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim insists that no one will be shielded from investigations into corruption allegations, including his former senior political secretary Datuk Seri Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin.

Communications Minister Datuk Fahmi Fadzil said the prime minister conveyed this to the cabinet yesterday, adding that Anwar also reminded ministers to monitor their officers to ensure no misconduct occurs.

"The prime minister provided the cabinet with information regarding his former political secretary, Shamsul Iskandar, who has resigned.

"He also stressed that he will not protect any individual, whomever they may be, if there are matters that need to be investigated by the authorities, including the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

"He reminded ministers to continuously monitor their officers, and emphasised that no one will be shielded if any form of misconduct occurs. No one is above the law in our country," he told a press conference yesterday.

Asked about what action PKR could take on Shamsul Iskandar, Fahmi said the party had not discussed the matter.

"As he has only just resigned as political secretary, there have not been discussions within the party concerning political positions (in the party).

"So, we may need to wait for the upcoming Central Leadership Council meeting," he said.

Shamsul Iskandar submitted his resignation to Anwar on Tuesday amid allegations of corruption.