

Family members wear purple ribbons to court

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KUALA LUMPUR: The sixth day of the corruption trial against Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim saw continued support for the former deputy prime minister from his family, just by their physical presence.

Anwar's second daughter, Nurul Nuha, approached her father after he was brought into the courtroom to ask if she could sit next to him in the dock during the trial.

"Pa, maybe they can put another chair beside you so that I can sit next to you," Nurul Nuha stood up and asked.

"Yes, there's plenty of space," he said, pointing at the dock.

However, several family members told Nurul Nuha that she could not.

Also present yesterday morning was Anwar's mother Datin Che Yan Hamid and other relatives.

All of them were wearing the usual white ribbons, but yesterday, they had on purple rib-



bons as well.

The purple ribbon was to indicate that they were family members.

When Anwar offered some white ribbons to local reporters, some declined and said: "*Tak boleh pakai* (cannot wear).

"*Editor tak bagi?*" he asked, with raised eyebrows.

This elicited laughter in the public gallery.

During a break, Anwar stopped and commented that several local reporters looked tired and sleepy.

"*Saya pun letih ... mengantuk,*" (I'm tired too ... sleepy) he said.

"Okay, I'm going back to my dungeon," he added, just before he was led down to the basement lockup, through the tunnel, under the courtroom.