

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

June 7: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim urges Umno members to stop cronyism, corruption and nepotism in the party. Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi echoes his call and says awarding giant bumiputra companies government contracts is a serious problem.

June 10: Ahmad Zahid says Umno Youth will reveal during the Umno general assembly on June 18 instances of nepotism.

June 13: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad denies foreign media reports of a rift between him and Anwar.

June 17: Anwar obtains an injunction against Khalid Jafri, author of *50 Dalil Mengapa Anwar Tidak Boleh Menjadi PM* (50 Reasons why Anwar cannot become PM).

June 19: At the Umno general assembly, Dr Mahathir says he will support Anwar if there is a contest for the number two post. He also says that Umno will investigate whether Khalid's book has any basis.

June 20: Dr Mahathir makes public list of those awarded privatised contracts and special share allocations at the assembly.

June 21: Anwar reiterates loyalty to Dr Mahathir.

June 26: Police receive four reports in connection with Khalid's book, including a report from former Malacca Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik.

June 30: Anwar refutes speculation that his position as Finance Minister will be undermined by the appointment of Tun Daim Zainuddin as Special Functions Minister.

July 1: Anwar says there is an attempt to topple him and claims that Khalid's book is the tool used to achieve this. He also denies Bank Negara Governor Tan Sri Ahmad Mohd Don will resign.

July 4: Anwar obtains fresh injunction on Khalid Jafri's book.

July 11: Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Rahim Noor says police are investigating into the book.

July 20: Anwar denies reports of policy differences with Dr Mahathir following the resignation of group editors of *Berita Harian* and *Utusan Melayu*.

July 31: Anwar gets interim injunction to stop distribution of book.

Aug 1: A businessman implicated in Khalid's book is detained.

Aug 7: Anwar again denies rumours that he will resign because of differences with Dr Mahathir.

Aug 11: Anwar, as Penang Umno liaison chief, again pledges his loyalty along with the state's 11 divisions to Dr Mahathir, reiterating his promise that he will not challenge Dr Mahathir in the next party elections.

Aug 12: Khalid Jafri is charged in court and in connection with the case, Magnum Corporation Berhad's executive director Datuk Nallakarpappan Solaiman, is charged with possessing 125 rounds of ammunition without permit.

Aug 12: Anwar again denies rumours of him resigning.

Aug 15: Anwar calls on the people to rally behind Dr Mahathir.

Aug 19: The Sessions Court fixes Khalid's hearing for Dec 7.

Aug 22: Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah does not rule out possibility of more arrests in connection with Khalid's book.

Aug 28: Bank Negara Governor Tan Sri Ahmad Don and his deputy Datuk Fong Weng Phak resign because policy differences with Dr Mahathir.

Sept 2: Anwar is sacked as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister effective 5.30pm.

THE FINAL HOURS

Sept 1 (night): Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad meets Mentris Besar at Sri Perdana while Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meets Penang Umno division leaders at his official residence.

Sept 2 (morning): Rumours of Anwar resigning circulate among the press.

4pm: Four journalists arrive at Anwar's residence at 47, Jalan Damansara. A policeman on duty inside Anwar's house asks them to stay outside. About 100 cars believed to belong to his supporters are parked inside the compound.

4.30pm: The group of journalists grows bigger and a few policemen are now seen inside the compound watching the gate.

5.00pm: More of Anwar's

friends and supporters begin arriving.

5.30pm: Two police cars and Land Rovers arrive to control rush hour traffic outside the house and the number of pressmen swells to about 50. Police seal off part of the road leading to the homes of Anwar and Dr Mahathir.

6pm: More supporters arrive, including some who claim they are university students.

7pm: A white Volvo with several people inside leaves the house.

7.45pm: Three FRU trucks carrying personnel and one police Land Rover pass by Anwar's place and park in the area around the Prime Minister's house, 100m away.

7.50pm: Anwar's wife Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail comes out of the house alone, and drives off in a Mitsubishi Pajero. She looks calm.

8.30pm: One of the reporters calls Anwar's press secretary Adlin M. Sabri, who is inside the house. When asked, Adlin says Anwar will not issue a statement and neither will he.

8.45pm: One of Anwar's lawyers, Sulaiman Abdullah, arrives at his house.

9.40pm: IGP Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor is seen passing by Anwar's house in a Mercedes.

10.10pm: Two women place two candles at the driveway of the house, after being refused entry.