

Anwar wants to amend statement in suit against KJ
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The High Court will hear on Jan 27 Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim's application to amend certain parts of his statement of claim in his defamation suit against Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar.

The application will be heard before High Court Deputy Registrar Fa'erah Nurul Aini Izany.

The deputy registrar set the date in chambers after meeting Anwar's counsel Gobind Singh Deo, Malik Imtiaz Sarwar and S Prakash, and Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, representing Khairy.

The hearing of the suit had been fixed for two days from April 13 before High Court judge Dr Prasad Sandosham Abraham.

Anwar, 63, filed the suit on Sept 7, 2007, claiming that Khairy, who was then Umno Youth deputy chief, had defamed him at a political function in Kuala Kangsar, Perak, in August 2007.

He said the defamatory statements were carried by the print and electronic media on Aug 3, 2007.

Agent of US and Jews

Anwar claimed that the statements portrayed him as a politician who could not be trusted by the Malays, who did not give importance to the struggle of the Malays and their rights, and that he was capable of betraying the Malay struggle and rights just to get the support of the non-Malays.

The PKR advisor contended that Khairy had made the statements to insinuate that Anwar was a political agent of the United States and the Jews, as well as to ruin his political career, and that he had ill-intention when making the statements, which he said were lies, baseless and without truth.

Besides general, aggravated and exemplary damages and other relief deemed fit by the court, Anwar is also seeking an injunction to prevent Khairy or his agents from repeating the statements.

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