

Anti-Anwar book distributed at Umno dinner
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While Umno president Najib Razak was urging some 1,500 party members to work hard to keep the party in the power at its 65th anniversary dinner last night, some members were indulging in the juicy parts of an anti-Anwar book titled God, Politics and Sex.

The 555-page book in Malay, authored by controversial writer Syed Hussein Al Attas, was distributed to all party members in their goodie bags during the dinner.

It contained details of PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim's alleged sexual misconduct, and insinuations about the opposition leader's sexual orientation.

The front-page showed a doctored Anwar's portrait with blonde hair, red lips and red nails, coupled with a "18SX" label.

Among others, the book said that PKR logo symbolises bisexuality.

Several photographs of Anwar while he was still the deputy prime minister were published in the book to highlight his relationship with several women.

To the surprise of many, the scandal of MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek, who had admitted he was the person in a sex DVD, was also mentioned by the book.

It commended Chua as a "true MCA leader" for his confession and compared him with a "certain leader" who was also involved in similar scandal but refused to admit it.

Over a decade ago, another controversial book - '50 dalil kenapa Anwar tidak boleh jadi PM' (50 reasons why Anwar cannot be PM) - was inserted into the goodie bags at the 1998 Umno general assembly.

Written by Khalid Jafri, an ex-editor of Utusan Malaysia, the book included allegations that Anwar is a homosexual. Obviously sanctioned by top Umno leaders, '50 dalil' kicked off the campaign against Anwar, who was then deputy premier.

Writer with colourful background

Syed Hussein, 74, also known as Pak Habib, is a political writer with more than 60 books under his belt.

Although he had campaigned for PAS during the Pengkalan Pasir by-election in 2005, giving many the impression that he was an opposition supporter, Syed Hussein had written a few sensational books that chronicled the scandal surrounding Anwar.

Last year, the appeals court found him guilty of defamation and ordered to him pay RM1.65 million to the Johor state investment arm Johor Corporation and its president Muhammad Ali Hashim.

Meanwhile, thousands copies of another Malay bulletin called Era Baru was also handed out during the event held at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. Stacks of the publication were piled up at the registration counter.

In its front-page, the 23-page bulletin claimed that Anwar had attempted to meet Najib to appeal the prime minister on his sodomy case.

Besides attacking Anwar, PKR and PAS, the bulletin also carried pro-Umno leaders articles, including Najib's visit to Australia.

It also carried an article written by Perkasa president Ibrahim Ali on the threat foreign workers pose to national security.

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