

Anwar: Najib, I know what you did in PD
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Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim has poured scorn over the prime minister's remark that 'finding the truth' was most important in determining whether the man in a sex video was indeed him.

Since foreign experts had reportedly said the video - showing a couple on a sexual romp in a room - resembled Anwar 99.99 percent, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak had said that the people could judge for themselves as to the authenticity of the tape.

Anwar said Najib and his spouse Rosmah Mansor are not fit to speak about morals, although he did not explain in detail why he made such a snide remark.

"I have been challenged to reveal what I know about Port Dickson," said Anwar at a ceramah in Pokok Sena last night in reference to a scandal that purportedly occurred in the mid-1990s.

"But it is not my style to insult (cerca) or fitnah (slander) others just because I want to win," added the Permatang Pauh parliamentarian.

"I want to win with good morals intact," he quipped in front of the 700-strong crowd.

Anwar then lamented that the government under Najib has not responded properly to all the issues raised by the Opposition.

These grievances include issues of bad governance like blatant corruption within the civil service, frequent price hikes of essential goods, subsidies to independent power producers (IPPs) and the mysterious disappearance of bumiputera shares amounting to RM52 billion.

Rather than clarifying on these issues, he said, but BN resorts to throwing slander against the Opposition.

"I am not defending myself. I am resigned (pasrah) to the fact that there is one after another slander thrown at me. They will not stop as long as I have not died," he said.

"I have been stripped naked, beaten and imprisoned... bastards!" he decried, asking, what more were his detractors planning against him.

He also condemned the outcome of the recent court case whereby the 'Datuk T' trio who exposed the video were charged and pleaded guilty for distributing porn.

Businessman Shazryl Eskay Abdullah and former Perkasa treasurer Shuib Lazim were jointly charged with possession and distribution of pornography under Section 292(a) of the Penal Code, and fined RM3,000 and RM1,500 or three months jail respectively.

Meanwhile, former Malacca chief minister Rahim Thamby Chik was charged with abetment under Section 109 of the Penal Code and fine RM1,000 or one month's jail.

Defence lawyer turned prosecutor

During the court session, counsel for Rahim, Muhammad Shafee Abdullah said that US video experts consulted by the Malaysian police had compared images of the man in the video with a photo of Anwar and confirmed that both were identical as much as 99.99 percent.

The figure was not stated in the statement of facts, which was read out in open court. A copy of the statement of facts obtained by Malaysiakini also showed that the figure had been blanked out.

"In court the other day, the defence lawyer became the prosecutor. He was not defending the trio but instead he whacked me," said Anwar.

"To plant doubt in the minds of people about me. So how do we deal with them? Do you think that since they have stripped me naked, I would do the same to them? No!" he exclaimed.

"We would seek for change, and if we do take over Putrajaya, we would change the name of the government of Malaysia to 'Government of the Malaysian People'," he promised.

Anwar also expressed hopelessness in the mainstream media for their slant against the opposition.

According to him, a TV editor recently approached his wife, PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (right), and himself at a mosque in Shah Alam, where the former tendered an apology.

The editor, whom Anwar declined to identify, had purportedly said to the duo "I know it is slander and sinful but I did it (put the news about Anwar on Tv). I have no choice, I have to survive".

Anwar said he told the man to "Ask forgiveness from Allah, not from me".

"But I am comforted by the fact that there are still people in the mainstream media who have a little conscience," he added.

"Only a leader without morals will use a sex video to win over his opponents," he said.