

Will Najib and Rosmah appear in court?

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Premier Najib Abdul Razak and wife Rosmah Mansor's applications to set aside the subpoenas served on them in the Anwar Ibrahim sodomy trial will be heard tomorrow as the trial resumes this week.

The trial is scheduled to continue for the whole week and the duo have been called to take the stand as defence witnesses.

It is learnt that after Anwar had filed an affidavit in reply to their application on Wednesday, Najib (left) had filed in his reply before the end of last week. Rosmah, was believed not to have responded.

Anwar had provided separate affidavits in replies to Najib and to Rosmah's applications and affidavits, stating why they should be called to court to clarify several matters.

The PKR de-facto leader who is facing the second sodomy charge since 1998, claimed that more may have transpired in the discussion between Najib and complainant, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan, than what has been made known.

"Najib had initially denied meeting Saiful and then he retracted, saying Saiful had asked for a scholarship. Following this, the lawyers want to get a further explanation of this," said Anwar in his affidavit, adding that both Najib and Rosmah refused to answer his lawyer's questions when they came in for the interview.

Although the contents of Najib's reply remains unknown, its believed its contents to be merely asserting that the premier had nothing of material worth to the case, that would warrant him testifying.

It is not immediately known whether Anwar will reply to the latest affidavit by Najib.

The hearing of the application is fixed for tomorrow afternoon at 2.15pm.

Anwar (right) has asserted that Najib and Rosmah were offered by the prosecution as witnesses, meaning the police had recorded their statements regarding the case.

As it is not known what was recorded from the two, the subpoenas served on them were to fill in the blanks as both had denied involvement in any conspiracy with regards to the latest sodomy charge against Anwar.

In Sodomy I in 1998, A subpoena was issued by the defence on former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad Mahathir who was not offered as a witness by the prosecution. However it was set aside.

Nearing end?

As Parliament session also begins tomorrow it remains to be seen whether the hearing of Anwar's defence could end this week.

There are about four or five witnesses slated to testify besides Najib and Rosmah.

Besides the two, others called to testify as defence witnesses included former Inspector General of Police

Musa Hassan , former Malacca police chief Mohd Rodwan Mohd Yusof who was then Najib's aide de camp in 2008, and Chemistry Department director-general Lim Kong Boon.

NONEAll three witnesses had played their part in sodomy I as Musa was the investigating officer and Rodwan had assisted Musa (right). Lim was the chemist who testified in the trial but his evidence was rejected by the court.

Another witness, a Dutchman Dr Thomas Hoogland, who operated on Anwar upon his release from prison in 2004, at his clinic in Munich, Germany, is also slated to testify for the defence on Thursday.

Hoogland's testimony is fixed on Oct 6, as the prosecution will bring in their experts to observe it on that day. The defence also indicated there could be another witness.

Anwar is charged with sodomising Saiful at the Desa Damansara condominium between 3.01pm and 4.30pm on June 26, 2008.

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