

Sodomy II verdict: Anwar NOT guilty!
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Local and foreign media and the public thronged the court complex as early as 4am to get seats.

LIVE REPORTS

4.15am: Heavy police presence outside Duta Courthouse - 12 police trucks and one water cannon truck as well as hundreds of riot police are seen.

4.20am: The sky is still dark and it has been raining heavily in the Jalan Duta area.

5.16am: Police are not allowing court reporters inside the complex, saying that the court building is being scanned by bomb disposal unit.

5.30am: Two buses and 32 vans full of police officers show up.

6.06am: Reporters and some demonstrators assemble at Duta Courthouse main gates.

6.10am: Pro-PKR NGO Jingga 13, distributed Anwar masks at Duta hawker centre, they claimed to have printed 5,000 masks and give out to Anwar' s supporters. They are now wearing masks, and marching toward the Duta court.

6.11am: The police refuse to allow the more than 50 media personnel from entering the massive court complex.

In their briefing earlier, the police said journalists would be let in by 6am.

But the reporters, who arrived as early as 4am, were told that they will only open the gates at 6am.

As 6am approached, the police manning the gates told the reporters they would open the gates only at 7am' despite the pouring rain that began at 4.30am.

Many journalists are furious over such treatment by the police force.

6.25am: A crowd of about 100 Anwar supporters march to the car park outside the court complex, chanting "reformasi". More people are trickling in.

6.29am: The main body of rally supporters arrives led by Pakatan leaders, some wearing 901 and ABU (Anything But Umno) T-shirts. Several don Anwar Ibrahim masks.

They file up the road to the courthouse and are met by police, who divert them to the car park designated as the assembly area. Some 300 of them gather there, intermittently shouting "reformasi".

6.30am: Reporters heading into the court complex are not allowed to bring their umbrellas.

6.35am: The total count of police vehicles inside the court complex and around the area:

21 police trucks
1 water cannon truck
33 vans

1 mobile command post
3 buses full of policemen
4 Light Strike Force Landrovers

7.05am: The number of rally supporters is steadily increasing, numbering about 1,500 now. They intermittently shout "reformasi" and "Allahuakbar". More continue to arrive.

7.09am: The rain has stopped.

7.10am: A group of about 200 Sarawak PKR members arrive, carrying a 4ft by 8ft banner displaying messages and signatures of Anwar supporters in Kuching.

7.15am: Over at the Federal Territory Mosque where Perkasa plans to hold a counter rally, only few people are seen. There are about 30 people listening to a sermon in the mosque.

7.25am: Crowd size swells to 2,000.

7.30am: PKR vice-president Tian Chua gives a briefing to the crowd, saying that there will be only one court case today at KL Duta court complex.

Tian Chua says Anwar and the other leaders of Pakatan Rakyat will deliver a short speech before entering the court at 8.30am.

He says that only Anwar and his family members, diplomats, members of the media and 10 people from Pakatan will be allowed to enter the court to observe the proceedings.

While the judgment is being delivered, Tian Chua adds, someone from inside the court will keep the crowd informed about the proceedings.

7.36am: Penang Chief Minister and DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng arrives, with PKR leaders Rafizi Ramli and R Sivarasa.

7.40am: Rally coordinators urge protesters to move to the car park as the crowd has spilled onto the road the road leading into the court complex.

7.45am: Bersih coordinator S Ambiga arrives, followed by national laureate A Samad Said. The crowd size now is about 5,000.

8.03am: PKR Srikandi Keadilan chief Siti Aishah Shaik Ismail speaks to the crowd.

"Whatever the decision today, this wave must rise and make sure Umno collapses," Siti Aishah says.

8.06am: Kuantan MP Fuziah Salleh addresses the crowd: "We gather here today to show the system in our country is damaged - not only in terms of the judiciary, but economy, social, education... Everything.

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8.12am: Among the top PKR leaders seen outside the courtroom are Azmin Ali, N Surendran and Chua Jui Meng.

8.14am: Kuantan MP Fuziah Salleh: "We gather here today to show the system in our country is damaged. Not only in terms of the judiciary, but economy, social, education... Everything."

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8.17am: Ousted Perak MB and Bukit Gantang MP Nizar Jamaluddin takes the microphone.

"Today, we gather here to make sure the judge's decision is not influenced by the leaders of Umno."

"We hope the judge's decision will be impartial," Nizar adds.

8.18am: Police officer Rajab Ahad urges part of the crowd to move into the car park area, instead of congregating on the main road outside the court complex.

8.20am: Permas secretary-general Zulkifly Sharif says he is trying to round up members of Perkasa, Pekida dan Putra Malaysia for the counter-rally at the Federal Territory Mosque.

Their supporters are given yellow T-shirts displaying the words '901 Free Sex Antic'.

8.22am: Representatives from the United States, Canada, Australia, United Kingdom and a few other embassies from European countries are lining up to get into the courtroom.

Inter-Parliamentary Union international observer from Mark Trowell is also present.

8.25am: Former Perak speaker V Sivakumar tells the crowd: "In this court complex, we know what has happened - all our cases in the Perak crisis we lost.

"We know what kind of judgment we will receive but nevertheless, Malaysians will demand for justice."

8.30am: Student leader Adam Adli, who is embroiled in the controversy for lowering a flag of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, takes the microphone briefly, urging the crowd to destroy Umno.

8.32am: PSM's Nasir Hashim and Selangor MB Khalid Ibrahim are seen in the crowd.

8.30am: The accused Anwar Ibrahim and his family arrive to rousing cheers of 'reformasi' from the nearly 6,000-strong crowd.

There is a bit of commotion as supporters rush to greet them. The crowd surges forward, breaking through the police cordon. Some of the supporters fall, after being pushed by others from the back.

8.37am: Diplomats and reporters allowed inside court. Selangor MB Khalid Ibrahim is also in court.

8.59am: Annie Ooi aka Auntie Bersih arrives at the court complex to show solidarity with Anwar, donning a 'Generation 709' yellow T-shirt.

Ooi tells reporters that she came to the Duta court complex by bus.

"Easy lah, to come here," she says, as she tries to avoid the photographers.

"Banyak marah, apa diaorang buat pada rakyat".

9.01am: PAS leaders Abdul Hadi Awang and Mahfuz Omar are among the crowd.

9.05am: A coordinator announces that PAS spiritual leader Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat has just arrived and has entered the court complex.

9.07am: Hadi Awang enters the courtroom, along with PAS vice-president Mahfuz Omar and PKR deputy president Azmin Ali.

9.14am: Police Facebook page says that up to 9am, the total crowd size at the 901 rally is estimated at 4,500.

9.15am: DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang is also in court. Court to begin soon.

9.20am: Court begins sitting.

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