

Who pays for sodomy appeal - Saiful or taxpayers?

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YOURSAY 'The charge was consensual sex, therefore Saiful was a willing partner. How on earth is this going to uphold his honour and dignity?'

AG files appeal against sodomy verdict

your sayMoontime: I believe this has gone far enough. All law-abiding citizens of Malaysia should sue Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan and his family for bringing shame, deceit and blatant waste of time to the courts.

Even if we don't have locus standi, we want them to know that the amount of resources spent going through this futile appeal can be used more productively elsewhere.

The attorney-general clearly shows his true colours this time by confirming our suspicion all along - that this is a political conspiracy aimed at preventing DSAI (Anwar Ibrahim) from becoming prime minister.

The ruling regime is scared that their corrupt way of life will be exposed once Pakatan Rakyat assumes power and forms the federal government.

Too much is at stake here: Birkin bags, mansions, Mercedes CLS, concubines and whatnot.

Not Confused: What I - and I suspect the majority of the right-thinking Malaysians - wonder is what justice is Saiful looking for?

The charge was consensual sex, therefore he was a willing partner. This has been apparently confirmed by himself.

He stated that he brought lubricant with him and added that the alleged act had been committed a number of times and yet he remained an aide to his so-called assailant.

By logical deduction then, if Anwar is by some further twist of fate, found guilty on appeal, Saiful's situation has not changed in that he had consensual sex with his boss.

How on earth is this going to uphold his honour and dignity? Can someone out there explain this to me?

DesiKhan: Saiful should use his own money to get his lawyers to fight the issue. Why should the government get involved in this private case?

Q..!: Who is paying for this? Saiful or the taxpayers? If it's the taxpayers, why should we care about what happened to him. He can get his father to pay for it.

Quigonbond: It'll be the first if the Court of Appeal overturns a factual decision made by a High Court judge. But under Umno, any form of perversion of justice is possible.

In any event, Umno is screwed. They expected to put Anwar behind bars by now. Even if the Court of Appeal reverses the High Court decision, it cannot convict Anwar. At best, it can only order a retrial.

That's going to take another two years, by which time Pakatan would have made it to Putrajaya.

But consider another possibility: Najib could be assured of electoral victory by other vicious forms of rigging and manipulation, no matter whether Anwar is leading the charge for Pakatan.

Hence, he might as well milk Anwar's acquittal for all its worth by 'cleaning up' the Court of Appeal and Federal Court.

With this one case, the judiciary in Malaysia will purportedly be made independent, and whole, once more. And then, in the future, it will only be used judiciously by the government for really critical cases.

BornInM'sia: I still want to believe that there is conscience in the judiciary and the trial judge refused to go according to the script but ruled without fear and favour in acquitting Anwar.

I believe the ruling also defeated the evil intention of planting explosives at the 901 rally. And I believe the conscience in the judiciary will again rise to occasion to defeat any evil scheme.

Up2U: The appeal was expected. First round, Anwar wins. The second round predictably will go against Anwar, and then there will be round three, by which time it may be irrelevant.

The expected damage to Anwar, especially among the rural Malays may be beyond repair, unless Pakatan can go down to the rural areas to convince them. It's all about politics and who is being screwed is left to be seen.

ApaNamaDoktor?: It's all political theatrics - well-planned and orchestrated with precision timing - to keep Anwar tied to the courts; get the elections going and over with, and find him guilty and lock him up for good.

It's just too bad that the AG couldn't care for a dead woman's cries for justice and let Abdul Razak Baginda go without an appeal even though, going by admitted records, he is the only guy she knew in Malaysia. It's May Day for justice.

Salleh Nordin: Umno doesn't seem to get it that the rakyat are getting fed up with this fabrication. It is being directed and led astray by Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is terrified at the thought of Anwar being acquitted.

Pemerhati: Yes, Najib is following Mahathir's evil and despicable strategy of using the unprincipled and/or corrupt public servants to harass and persecute the opposition.

This Umno strategy of keeping the opposition busy in the courts also depletes the opposition's meagre human and material resources while it does not cost BN anything as all the dirty work is done by its unprincipled lackeys and 'kangaroos' in the public service.

Amongst the many cruel and outrageous actions of Mahathir were Sodomy I and the very long trial of Tenaganita director Irene Fernandez on the trumped-up charge of publishing false news.

Now Najib is following in his mentor Mahathir's footsteps by hounding Anwar and Karpal Singh in the same nasty, sickening, and disgusting manner.

Manjit Bhatia: Umno is undertaking an insidious game of double-whammy - knocking out Anwar and PKR and Karpal and DAP in one full swoop, if not then to stem or derail the upsurge of support for Pakatan.

Both Anwar and Karpal are going to be dragged back through the courts in what is expected to be a protracted affair in their respective legal cases. This will, at the same time, wedge PAS in the opposition coalition. It's the billiard-ball approach of snookering the opposition.

Faz: These are good arguments put up here but the drama being played is not for the consumption of Malaysiakini readers.

There are for the rural folks who still read the news as reported by Utusan Malaysia, Berita Harian, New Straits Times, The Star and RTM and TV3 news.

Umno-BN is still in the driver's seat, unless the rural folks are fed with the real truth of the matters in hand.

Senator: Let the show continue. The world is watching. Otherwise, what else is Malaysia contributing to the world these days?

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