

'Anwar shot himself in foot with BBC interview'
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An Umno leader has claimed that Anwar Ibrahim shot himself in the foot when he attempted to deride the Malaysian government in a recent BBC interview.

Party supreme council member Ibrahim Abu Shah said the interview only exposed the opposition leader's "negative" attitude.

Ibrahim said Anwar had tried using his "old tactic" of seeking popularity and political mileage by running down the government.

"Before this, Anwar was successful in his attempts to influence external forces, but this time it seems that he got trapped," he told Umno Online.

In the live interview, Ibrahim (left) said, Anwar appeared trapped when BBC journalist Stephen Sackur countered all his answers.

Among others, the opposition leader accused the Malaysian government of behaving in an authoritarian manner with regard to his sodomy trial.

He also raised the issues of Pakatan Rakyat securing more popular votes in the last general election and the disappearance of MH370.

"What happened during the interview shows that even the West is aware of Anwar's attitude.

"The moderator fielded questions and provided commentaries that clearly showed that they too look down on Anwar's credibility," Ibrahim added.

He claimed that Anwar's mentality has not changed, accusing the PKR de facto leader of "twisting and spinning" as well as "manipulating" issues and stoking politics of hate.

"Even Anwar did not expect it to end in this manner.

"But what transpired (during the interview) is evident that even the Western world looks down on Anwar," he said.

On the same note, Ibrahim said the efforts of the Malaysian government headed by the BN have managed to convince foreign nations on the capabilities of the nation's leaders.

