

## **Pakatan to be 'one unit' ahead of sodomy trial**

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Pakatan Rakyat has vowed to set aside "minor disagreements" and act as "one unit" ahead of the final appeal of coalition leader Anwar Ibrahim against his sodomy conviction tomorrow.

Anwar said in a press conference today this follows questions of Pakatan's relevance following a fractious couple of months over the Selangor menteri besar crisis.

"The leadership meeting today reaffirms our commitment to strengthen our relationship and continue with our programmes, in spite of what might happen on Wednesday," he said.

Anwar was speaking after the Pakatan leadership council meeting at the Parliament building today.

Most top Pakatan leaders attended the meeting today, including DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng and PKR deputy president Azmi Ali.

PAS was represented by deputy president Mohamad Sabu and secretary-general Mustafa Ali (left in photo).

PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang, whose actions during the MB crisis had come under criticism from both PKR and DAP leaders, was again notably absent.

Guan Eng went on to compare Pakatan's fighting spirit with the popular English football team Manchester United (MU).

"I'm an MU fan and I always admired their spirit under Sir Alex Ferguson (former manager), who fights until the very end.

"If something unwanted happens, the leadership council will have an emergency meeting and discuss our next move," he added.

Meanwhile, Anwar also stressed that he would still show up at Universiti Malaya at 9pm today to deliver a talk even though the university declared the program illegal.

"It is a legitimate function and I was invited by a legitimate body (students group). I am honoured and privileged to return to my alma mater," he said.

"Nobody has any business stopping us from attending a legitimate program," he added.

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