

Anwar's counsel zooms in on K-Y jelly

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The K-Y jelly lubricant allegedly used on Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan was the subject of scrutiny in the sodomy II appeal at the Federal Court today.

Senior lawyer and former Federal Court judge Gopal Sri Ram (left) said the use of the lubricant was not mentioned in Saiful's police report against Anwar.

He further submitted that the K-Y jelly was not on the list of exhibits by the police on items seized from Saiful.

"Saiful alleges the sodomy incident was done on a carpet. He admitted that the lubricant was used and placed on his anus.

"Saiful complained that the sodomy action was rough (rakus) and he had pain in his anus or stomach. If a lubricant is applied he should not have suffered the pain," he said.

He added that if the court believes Saiful's testimony on this, "we can believe the moon is made of green cheese".

Gopal further questioned Saiful's testimony where the alleged victim claimed he handed the lubricant to investigating officer DSP Jude Blacious Pereira on June 28.

"Jude (right) handed the lubricant back to Saiful and the next day Saiful went to the police station to hand it over to the police," he added.

The senior lawyer said this proved that Saiful's testimony cannot be trusted.

Gopal was submitting on the first of his three points.

Saiful's demeanour questioned

The former Federal Court judge also questioned Saiful's demeanour and conflicting testimony.

He pointed out that the former aide said he drafted a resignation letter immediately after the sodomy incident.

However, Saiful appeared the next day at Anwar's house and even had his photograph taken.

"His demeanour was normal and inconsistent to the case of alleging he was violently

sodomised 24 hours earlier," he said.

The photograph of Saiful serving tea was not earlier tendered as evidence during trial.

However, Gopal sought that it be included as Saiful had agreed he was there as depicted in the picture.

The defence lawyer further said the evidence from Hospital Kuala Lumpur doctors cannot be accepted as Saiful first went to Pusrawi Hospital.

"The first complaint was made at the Pusrawi Hospital and the prosecution did not call Dr (Mohamad) Osman (Abdul Hamid).

"The evidence in HKL does not amount to corroboration," he said.

"Only (the) first complaint can be used for corroboration and not the subsequent complaint," Gopal said.

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