

KJ: Anwar, not gov't on trial in Sodomy II
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Umno Youth chief has poured scorn on Anwar Ibrahim's bid to make his sodomy appeal a litmus test for the government, stressing that it is the opposition leader and not Putrajaya that is on trial.

"The government did not force Anwar to do what he is accused of on Saiful.

"Anwar is accused of the act so why make it a trial about the government's credibility," he said in a lengthy Facebook posting today.

He added the Permatang Pauh MP should not get the rakyat involved in his personal matter.

"This is not about Malaysia. This is about Anwar... So go for your appeal, but don't drag the country with you," he said.

He added while this fact was obvious, the students' storming of Universiti Malaya yesterday in support of Anwar showed that some have bought into the Opposition leader's argument.

Anwar, said Khairy (left), will only accept an 'innocent' verdict and any other verdict will see him accusing the judiciary of being impartial.

"To Anwar, only a verdict that favours him proves that the judiciary is free and fair, what logic is this?" he said.

'It goes both ways'

Khairy added Anwar cannot put his trust in the judiciary when suing for defamation, including against Khairy, and winning several of them, but cast doubt on the institution when he is in the dock.

"It goes both ways Anwar. You cannot just accept the decisions that go your way.

"You cannot have double standards in how you accept decisions from our courts," he said.

Khairy said the courts have given ample opportunities to Anwar, having allowed the case to be postponed some 67 times since it began in 2008, most of which were at the request of Anwar's legal team.

As such, Khairy said he hoped that the rakyat will accept whatever verdict the Federal Court delivers.

"Whatever the verdict, we need to move on," he said.

D-Day for Anwar

Anwar was on March 7, sentenced to five years in jail for allegedly sodomising his former aide Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan in 2008.

His final appeal against the sentence begins today at the Federal Court and the hearing is slated for two days.

Anwar, who is free on bail, maintains the charge against him is politically motivated.

Anwar, who was deputy prime minister in 1998, was charged with corruption and sodomy after a falling out with then prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He was sentenced to six years in jail for sodomy and another nine years for corruption in 1999.

He was freed in 2004 after his sodomy charge was partially overturned, by which time he had already finished serving his sentence for corruption.

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