

Najib failed to provide medical care for Anwar, says PKR

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak was taken to task for not fulfilling his promise to US President Barack Obama by providing medical care to PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim.

PKR Subang MP Sivarasa Rasiah, who said this, reminded Najib of the commitment he made to Obama during the latter's visit last November.

"The commitment has yet to be fulfilled," Sivarasa said at a press conference in Petaling Jaya today.

It was reported that Obama had called on Najib to release Anwar in light of the latter's deteriorated health condition.

However, there has been no report of Najib's reply.

Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi reportedly said Anwar was treated locally for his health problem, besides being allowed to bring in foreign medical specialists to treat him in Malaysia.

Zahid said this at a press conference in the United Kingdom during his four-day visit there last year.

In June 2015, Najib issued instructions for Anwar to be given proper care.

The former opposition leader was jailed for five years in February last year on charges that he sodomised his former aide, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan, in 2008.

Sivarasa (photo) said Anwar, who is serving his sentence at Sungai Buloh Prison, was currently in great pain and forced to take painkillers.

He condemned the government for torturing Anwar by denying him intensive physiotherapy, as recommended by doctors.

The Subang lawmaker also criticised the government for cutting off Anwar's access to the world, and reducing his meeting time with his lawyers to only once a week and at a maximum of one hour.

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