

Khairy's appeal to be heard on Sept 23
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Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin's application to appeal the judgment in default entered against him following a suit filed by opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, will be heard on Sept 23.

The matter was decided today when it came up in chambers at the Kuala Lumpur High Court before senior assistant registrar Hilmiah Yusof.

sankara nair bukit aman teresea kok isa arrest pc 170908 02According to Anwar's lawyer Sankara Nair (right), the matter will be heard before High Court judicial commissioner Zabariah Yusof.

On Dec 4, 2008, the Kuala Lumpur High Court ordered a judgment in default be entered against Khairy, after the Rembau MP failed to enter a notice of appearance.

He had attempted to set aside the judgment in default but this was dismissed by the High Court on May 31, 2010.

Since then, Khairy's lawyer Muhammad Shafee Abdullah has filed a notice of appeal against the dismissal of his application to set aside the judgment in default.

Anwar, 63, in his suit, claimed Khairy, who was then Umno Youth deputy chief, had uttered defamatory words and caused the posting on websites, including Malaysiakini.com, of a video clip entitled "Anwar and kin no threat".

Anwar claimed the video clip on Malaysiakini.com contained defamatory words spoken by Khairy at a ceramah in Lembah Pantai here on or about Feb 20, 2008.

He said the defamatory words, among others, meant he was involved in activities contradictory to Islam, did not have good character and was not fit to hold political or other positions.

Anwar said that Khairy's statements on his sexual orientation had put him in bad light. It painted a picture that the opposition leader was deviant and not a good Muslim.

The Permatang Pauh MP claimed Khairy's statements were lies, baseless and without truth.

The opposition leader is seeking RM100 million in general, aggravated and exemplary damages as well as other relief deemed fit by the court.

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