

Anwar celebrates 63rd birthday in court
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Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy trial continues today with a reply by lead counsel Karpal Singh to solicitor-general II Mohd Yusof Zainal Abiden's submission following the defence's striking-out application.

Yesterday, Kuala Lumpur High Court judge justice Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah rejected two oral applications by Karpal.

ONE was to call star witness and complainant Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan and DPP Farah Azlina Latif to take the witness stand over their alleged affair and possible leakage of vital documents and evidence.

The other was to cross-examine DPP Mohd Hanafiah Zakaria to answer allegations testing his credibility when he was alleged to have flouted syariah laws with his second marriage done in Thailand.

Mohd Hanafiah had earlier filed a sworn affidavit testifying that prosecution's documents were not leaked to his colleague, Farah Azlina.

After lead defence counsel Karpal completed his submission this morning, Mohamad Zabidin told the court that he will deliver his decision next Monday.

LIVE REPORTS

8.29am: Reporters and public allowed into the courtroom at the Kuala Lumpur High Court in the Jalan Duta Court Complex.

8.50am: The prosecution team led by solicitor-general II Mohd Yusof Zainal Abiden arrives.

9am: Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim, arrives with his wife, Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail. Wan Azizah carries a bunch of purple flowers, saying it is a present for Anwar.

Anwar celebrates his 63rd birthday today. He was born on Aug 10, 1947 in CheroK Tok Kun in mainland Penang.

9.08am: PKR leader and former health minister Chua Jui Meng arrives to sit in the public gallery.

9.13am: Judge Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah enters courtroom. Court in session.

9.27am: Karpal submits that Anwar's affidavit remains unrebutted.

"This is not only a matter where the defence had been prejudice but also a matter of perception."

Karpal said Saiful, through Farah, could have gain access to prosecution's documents, which were not available to the defence.

As Farah and Saiful did not submit a sworn affidavit, Anwar's assertion of facts remains unchallenged.

9.37am: Karpal finishes submissions. Justice Zabidin says he will deliver his decision on striking-out application next Monday.

He needs more than two days to study the matter before delivering his decision.

