

Sodomy II: Who will cross-examine HKL docs?
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There is uncertainty on who will do the cross-examination for Anwar Ibrahim's defence team as lead counsel Karpal Singh is taken ill due to suspected dengue.

There is a possibility that lawyers CV Prabhakaran and Param Cumaraswamy will take over from Karpal. Other counsels in the team are Sankara Nair, Ram Karpal and Marissa Regina Christopher Fernando.

The trial was to resume yesterday with Hospital Kuala Lumpur's general surgeon Dr Mohd Razali Ibrahim being asked to produce a preliminary medical examination report on complainant Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan.

Razali revealed on Monday during cross-examination by Karpal the presence of an initial medical report signed by three doctors, including Razali, who had examined Saiful.

The other doctors were forensic pathologist Dr Siew Sheue Feng and specialist surgeon Dr Khairul Nizam Hassan.

After examining Saiful on the evening of June 28, 2008, all three signed the report.

However, the report was not produced by the prosecution. What was produced was the final medical report dated July 13, 2008.

Karpal has requested the preliminary report in order to know Saiful's medical history and the detailed examination made on him.

The July 13 medical report contained only two lines describing Saiful's medical history.

Malaysiakini is covering the trial LIVE beginning at 9am.

LIVE REPORTS

8.45am: Defence lawyer Param Cumaraswamy arrives at the High Court in the Jalan Duta court complex.

9.01am: Defence lawyer Sankara Nair enters the courtroom. He has a chat with solicitor-general II Mohd Yusof Zainal Abiden.

Other members of the prosecution present are CK Wong, Mohd Hanafiah Zakaria and Noorin Badaruddin.

For the defence, only Param and Sankara are present, with another lawyer Mohd Zamri Idrus, who is holding a watching brief for Saiful.

The court is half full.

9.05am: Opposition Leader and the accused Anwar Ibrahim arrives with daughter Nurul Nuha. He talks to several observers from foreign embassies.

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