

**Pakatan takeover plan still on track: Anwar  
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Anwar Ibrahim today said an opposition plan to seize power remained intact despite a series of secret talks between one of its partners with the ruling government.  
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Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi over the weekend announced his Umno had held three meetings with the opposition PAS to discuss issues related to Islam and Malay unity.

Reports said the move by PAS to engage Umno without the knowledge of Anwar's PKR and the Chinese-dominated DAP had created rifts in the opposition, which is divided along religious and ideological lines.

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"We are still on track. It is not a question of toppling the government but to ensure that the people win. I have said that I am the prime minister-in-waiting.

"For now, I have no reason to question the intention of the PAS leadership. They have given an assurance to me that the collaboration with the opposition remains and is unchanged," he said.

**No more secret meetings with Umno**

PAS youth chief Salahuddin Ayub told AFP that there will be no more "secret meetings" with Umno.

pas chinese liaison rep 280607 salahuddin ayub"We remain committed to the opposition pact. We will work together. We will not discuss with Umno the issue of power sharing," he said.

In April, the three opposition parties announced a strategic alliance after humbling the ruling coalition with unprecedented gains in elections the month before.

The parties, rallied by Anwar, claimed more than a third of parliamentary seats and five of the 13 states in the March 8 polls, handing the ruling BN coalition its worst electoral result since 1969.

**Anwar, Home Ministry briefings for diplomats**

Anwar also said he had briefed 38 foreign diplomats from key Western countries including the United States on the political situation in Malaysia.

He also said he had talked to them about the sodomy allegations levelled against him by a 23-year-old male former aide.

He said the claims had been fabricated to prevent him from seizing power and showed he

posed a threat to Abdullah's coalition, which has ruled Malaysia for more than 50 years.

A return to parliament would be the next step in the political rehabilitation of Anwar, who was sacked as deputy premier in 1998 and jailed on sodomy and corruption charges.

The sex conviction was later overturned, but the corruption count barred him from public office until April.

Meanwhile, Home Minister Syed Hamid Albar said that the ministry has also briefed 96 diplomats on the sodomy allegations.

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