

**Anwar gives statement at religious dept**  
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PKR leader Anwar Ibrahim was at the Federal Territories Islamic Affairs Department (Jawi) this morning to give a statement in regards to his complaint over the sodomy allegation against him by former aide Saiful Bukhari Azlan.  
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Anwar was accompanied by his wife, PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and his lawyer Kamar Ainhah Kamaruzaman to the department, located near the national mosque.

anwar at jawi islamic centre 300708 03Anwar's attendance at the Jawi office was for a follow up into his complaint, or in Islamic terms, qazaf, lodged against Saiful on July 9. The session started at 10.35am and lasted for almost three hours.

When met later, Anwar told the hordes of reporters outside the Jawi office that he had given officers his full cooperation.

"We have given assurance to Jawi that me and my lawyers will come and give our statement when we are called upon for investigation or if there is any new surfacing information with regards to my complaint," he said.

### **Islamic scholar's views presented**

Anwar said the Jawi officers also quizzed him on Saiful's motives in making the sodomy allegation, on why he (Anwar) claimed the allegation was untrue and what evidence he had to prove his innocence.

"Apart from that, I also suggested to the investigation officer the opinion of an expert in Islamic laws, Sheikh Taha Jabir Al-Ulwani who gave his approval that a sodomy allegation falls under the jurisdiction of qazaf," said Anwar.

Qazaf in Islamic law is to request a probe into 'false allegations' pertaining to adultery or sexual misconduct. Sheikh Taha is a prominent Islamic scholar on Islamic law who now lectures at the prestigious Al-Azhar University in Egypt.

anwar at jawi islamic centre 300708 06"The punishment for those who accuse others of committing adultery and sodomy without substantiating it is, according to and as agreed by various Islamic scholars, similar to those who commit the offence of adultery and sodomy itself," said Anwar, adding that he had documented his research and presented it to the officers handling his case.

The PKR leader also said he informed the Jawi officers of a leaked medical report and pressed them to question the doctor who made it.

### **Anwar: Musa has vendetta against me**

Anwar said the questioning session today was conducted in a very professional manner and

was in no way accusatory, unlike the one conducted by the police.

"Police investigation was done in such an accusative manner and I can sense that there is a difference in emphasis as compared to today's investigation," said the PKR de facto leader.

He also questioned why the police were still pursuing the matter, alleging that they are ignoring "credible documents like the leaked medical report" for vengeful reasons.

"Inspector-general of police Musa Hassan has a personal vendetta against me dating back to 1998. Why? Is it because I am going for a by-election? Is it because I am trying to push for a new Malaysia?" asked Anwar.

Anwar has confirmed that he will be contesting the Kulim-Bandar Baharu parliamentary seat should a by-election be held there.

anwar at jawi islamic centre 300708 04When asked about the possibility of him getting arrested following a news report that police have wrapped up investigations and are expected to charge him soon, Anwar said he does not know what to expect.

"I hope they do it based on facts and not on vengeance. Like I said, I know Musa has a personal vendetta against me dating back 10 years ago," he said.

Musa was the investigating officer in Anwar's sodomy case in 1998 and current attorney-general Abdul Gani Patail was then lead prosecutor.

Anwar claims he has evidence that both had fabricated evidence in his previous sodomy case and both Anwar and Musa have been called in by the Anti-Corruption Agency to assist in the investigation.

"I hope that the police do not act on this vengeance against me for exposing the matter. The police is a big force and should not be controlled by just a few powerful officers," he said.

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