

**Anwar questions accuser's timing**  
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Questioning the timing of the swearing on the Quran by his accuser - on the eve of nomination day for the Permatang Pauh by-election - candidate Anwar Ibrahim was hardly amused.  
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When told Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan had sworn on the Quran in the Federal Territory Mosque that he was sodomised by the opposition leader, Anwar replied: "This is just a political gimmick."

anwar ibrahim exclusive pre permatang pauh interview 130808 05 "One day after the Election Commission announced the date for the Permatang Pauh by-election they charged me.

"Now, on the eve of nominations, this guy is swearing on the Quran. What is the motive for all this?" exclaimed the politician, who will be contesting in the polls.

According to Anwar, this is nothing more than a "dirty trick" by Umno and goes to show that they are desperate.

He said if Saiful wants to adopt the Islamic method then he should follow the syariah way and make his complain there instead of going to the police.

"I too have already referred this case to the Syariah Court and the officers there want to take his statement but the police have stopped them.

"Saiful is under police protection and they have a hold on him and they decide what he should or should not do," said the former deputy prime minister.

### **Saiful's bombshell**

This evening, Saiful dropped a bombshell on his former employer when he surprised everyone by taking a religious oath.

After declaring the authenticity of his allegations in the mosque, the former PKR volunteer proceeded to give his first press conference in a hotel at Jalan Ipoh.

saiful bukhari azlan and anwar ibrahim sodomy 2 pc 150808 01 Flanked by his father and lawyer, Saiful said that the timing of his "revelations and oath-taking" was not politically motivated and that it was at his own undertaking.

He also said it was a coincidence that he was making this revelations one day before the nominations for the by-election.

The EC announced on Aug 6 that nominations for the Permatang Pauh by-election would be held tomorrow.

A day after the announcement, Anwar was charged in the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court for having carnal intercourse against the order of nature.

The opposition leader has consistently claimed that the allegation is false and accused his rivals of hatching a conspiracy to stop him from reigniting his political career after a 10-year hiatus.

However, government leaders have dismissed this charge.

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