

Anwar spars with KJ over 1Israel, tycoon's daughter
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Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim today went on the attack in Parliament by claiming that Apco Worldwide, a consultancy agency hired by the Malaysian government, was the brain behind the 'One Israel' slogan.

During lengthy three-hour speech on the royal address, Anwar said Apco had in 1999 advised former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak to adopt the 'One Israel' slogan.

NONEFurthermore, the company which the Malaysian government had engaged to boost its image is led by an Israeli leader who is a former ambassador to the US.

"Is this not an issue to Umno? In 2009, Apco advised Najib on 1Malaysia. The rest is up to your own interpretation," he said.

He also dug out the issue involving disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who was engaged by the then Dr Mahathir Mohamad to seek a meeting between the Malaysian premier and US president George W Bush in 2002.

Rembau MP Khairy Jamaluddin immediately jumped to his feet to demand that Anwar produce evidence that Apco was behind the 'One Israel' campaign.

Counter attacking, the Umno Youth chief also quizzed Anwar's relationship with Paul Wolfowitz who is known as "the godfather to the neo-conservative movement in the US".

"You are a complicit as well," Khairy told Anwar.

The war of words between the two escalated, causing a ruckus among members of the ruling BN and opposition Pakatan Rakyat in the House.

Anwar shot back that he had no problems conceding that Wolfowitz was an acquaintance, whom he met during his lecturing tenure at John Hopkins University, some years after he was released from prison.

Dancing with tycoon's daughter

Prior to that, Anwar chastised BN for giving "a whole mountain" to the late Lim Goh Tong of the Genting Highlands fame, but complained about Pakatan's allocations for Chinese new villages in Perak.

khairy jamaluddinKhairy again stood up lambasting Anwar for providing examples of Umno and BN painting Pakatan as anti-Malay but failed to acknowledged that one of their own had also made similar accusations.

"A former Pakatan MP was referred to as a chauvinist and a dictator and this did not come from Utusan (Malaysia) or Umno, but it is from an MP who was a top leader in PKR," said Khairy.

"So you can try to cheat the Dewan with a few facts but the issue is that the PKR people themselves have lost confidence in you," he said.

Khairy then added: "When you were deputy prime minister, you gave the mountain to the same tauke judi (gambling tycoon)... and not only that - you were also seen dancing with the daughter of the tauke judi while you were the deputy prime minister."

Anwar was not amused.

"This is the Umno Youth chief... we danced a bit and they make a lot noise, but it's okay for (Muslim) BN leaders to guzzle liquor," said Anwar, without naming who he was referring to.

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