

KJ attempts to set aside RM100m judgment
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Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin will know on May 14 whether he is successful in setting aside a judgment in default entered against him over a RM100 million defamation suit filed by Anwar Ibrahim.

NONThe judgment in default was entered against the Rembau MP (left) on Dec 4, 2008, after he failed to file a notice of appearance to defend the suit which was filed against him in March.

Kuala Lumpur High Court senior assistant registrar, A Kaveetha, today fixed the date after Khairy's counsel Badrul Munir Bukhari applied for a postponement to further submit on the issue this afternoon.

Kaveetha then instructed Badrul, and Sankara Nair - lawyer for Anwar - to file in their written submissions on the issue by April 14.

She set May 14 for clarification and decision on Khairy's application to set aside the judgment in default.

Khairy had filed the application to set aside the order on Feb 20, 2009.

Anwar's suit

Anwar, 63, filed the summons against Khairy on March 7, 2008 claiming that Khairy had uttered defamatory words and caused the posting on websites including Malaysiakini a video clip entitled 'Anwar and kin no threat'.

The de facto PKR leader claimed the video clip on Malaysiakini contained defamatory words spoken by Khairy at a ceramah in Lembah Pantai, Kuala Lumpur on or about Feb 20, 2008.

Anwar said that Khairy's statements on his sexual orientation had put him in bad light. It painted a picture that the opposition leader was deviant and not a good Muslim.

pkrcny open house 270210 anwarThe Permatang Pauh MP claimed Khairy's statements were lies, baseless and without truth.

The opposition leader is seeking general, aggravated and exemplary damages as well as other relief deemed fit by the court.

Anwar is also seeking an injunction to prevent Khairy, or his agents, from repeating the statements.