

**Anwar's sodomy trial to resume on Oct 14**  
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KUALA LUMPUR - The sodomy trial of Anwar Ibrahim at the High Court here will resume for two days from Oct 14 with the defence team cross-examining a Kuala Lumpur Hospital doctor.

Judge Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah also set Oct 25 to 29, Nov 22 to 26 and Dec 6 to 10 to continue the trial as agreed by parties when the case came up for mention Tuesday.

The defence team, led by counsel Karpal Singh, is expected to cross-examine the second prosecution witness, HKL general surgeon Dr Mohd Razali Ibrahim.

He was among a team of doctors who examined the complainant of the case, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan.

Mohd Saiful, 25, who is Anwar's former aide - the key witness in the case - had concluded his testimony.

Anwar, 63, is charged with sodomising Mohd Saiful at Unit 11-5-1 of the Desa Damansara Condominium, Jalan Setiakasih, Bukit Damansara, between 3.01pm and 4.30pm on June 26, 2008.

Anwar, who is Parti Keadilan Rakyat advisor and Member of Parliament for Permatang Pauh, is charged under Section 377B of the Penal Code and could be sentenced up to 20 years in jail and whipping upon conviction.

Meanwhile, one of Anwar's counsel S.N. Nair told the media that the defence would file an appeal over the Court of Appeal's decision to dismiss Anwar's bid to have his sodomy charge struck out.

The appeal would be filed this afternoon at the Federal Court registry, Nair said.

In dismissing Anwar's appeal, a three-man bench of the appellate court held that Anwar's application was made in the course of the trial, and therefore, it could not be entertained. - Bernama

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