

**Khairy wins appeal against Anwar's RM100mil suit**  
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KUALA LUMPUR - Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin on Friday succeeded in his appeal to set aside a judgment in default obtained by opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim against him in a RM100 million defamation suit.

High Court Judge Zabariah Mohd Yusof granted Khairy's appeal with costs.

She made the decision after hearing submissions from Khairy's counsel Muhammad Shafee Abdullah and Anwar's counsel S.N. Nair.

Khairy had appealed against High Court Senior Assistant Registrar Nazri Yahya's decision in dismissing his bid to set aside the default judgment obtained by Anwar from the High Court.

Nazri had ruled that the serving of the writ of summons on Khairy was valid. On Dec 4, 2008, Anwar obtained the default judgement from the High Court against Khairy when he failed to enter an appearance after the writ of summons had been served on him.

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

Anwar, 63, in his suit, claimed that Khairy, as the then Umno Youth vice-chief, had uttered defamatory words and caused the posting on websites, including in Malaysiakini.com, of a video clip entitled "Anwar and kin no threat."

Anwar claimed that the video clip on Malaysiakini.com contained defamatory words spoken by Khairy at a ceramah in Lembah Pantai here on or about Feb 20, 2008.

He said the defamatory words, among others, meant he was involved in activities contradictory to Islam, did not have good character and was not fit to hold political or other positions.

He sought RM100 million in aggravated and exemplary damages as well as other relief deemed fit by the court.

Speaking to the media after the decision, Muhammad Shafee said that the judge allowed Khairy's appeal on the grounds that the service of the summons on Khairy was irregular as it was not served personally on him or to his last known home address.

"As the summons was a personal action, the writ have to be served personally to the person itself or by way of A.R. registered mail to his last house address," he said.

With the decision, the court will set a date to hear the suit. Muhammad Shafee added that he would file a statement of defence over the suit and that the defence had 14 days from today to do so.

Nair said that he would be appealing over today's ruling.

When asked where the writ was sent, he said it was sent to Akademi Umno, at the Putra World Trade Centre, one of Khairy's offices where the Umno Youth chief handled youth matters. - *Bernama*

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