

Karpal's Brother Dies, Court Postpones Anwar's Trial To Monday
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KUALA LUMPUR -- The sodomy trial of Anwar Ibrahim was today postponed to Monday after the High Court was informed that the youngest brother of lead defence counsel Karpal Singh died in Penang last night.

Defence counsel S N Nair informed the court of the death, and said that Karpal, as the elder brother, had to perform certain rituals over the next two or three days.

Judge Mohamed Zabidin Mohd Diah granted his request for a postponement when the prosecution team headed by Solicitor-General II Mohamed Yusof Zainal Abiden raised no objections.

The court had been scheduled to hear the defence submission on two applications of the prosecution: one of them for an order compelling Anwar to provide his DNA sample for analysis, and the other for a review of the decision to exclude exhibits taken from the cell where he had been detained.

Anwar, 63, is charged with sodomising his former personal aide, Mohd Saiful Bukhari, 25, at the Desa Damansara Condominium in Bukit Damansara between 3.01pm and 4.30pm on June 26, 2008.

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