

Anwar to accept nomination if wanted

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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will accept nomination for the post of Parti Keadilan Rakyat president if the party wanted him, said his wife Datin Seri Wan Azizah Ismail.

"I am willing to make way for him," said Wan Azizah who is the president.

The ban on Anwar from holding public posts following his convictions for abuse of power and sodomy had been unfair because his convictions were politically motivated, she said.

Anwar had a strong case for an appeal to the Registrar of Societies (ROS) to exempt him from the ban if he won the PKR president's post in May, she said.

PKR information chief Tian Chua said the Federal Court had overturned Anwar's sodomy conviction and so he should not be penalised for something he had not done.

However, Tian Chua admitted that if the ROS rejected the appeal, the party risked being deregistered.

While election laws prohibited him from returning to active politics until April 2008 as a result of the conviction, Tian Chua said it was different with the Societies Act.

The Act allowed ROS to consider exempting the ban on Anwar who is now PKR advisor, from holding a party post, he said.