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# Anwar **sues** former aide

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EX-DPM ALLEGES ABUSE OF PROCESS,  
MALICIOUS FALSEHOOD AND LIBEL

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim sued his former aide Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan yesterday for an unspecified amount, claiming that he had abused the process of law by making a "vexatious" police report accusing the former deputy prime minister of sodomising him.

Anwar, who had sought refuge in the Turkish embassy until late yesterday because of alleged death threats made against him, filed his suit at the High Court registry here through his counsel, Ranjit Singh and Robert Low, at about 10.30am.

PKR vice-president R. Sivarasa, PKR secretary-general William Leong, Selangor assemblyman Elizabeth Wong and PKR Youth chief Shamsul Iskandar Md Akin were present.

Sivarasa said there are three grounds on which Anwar is seeking damages from Mohd Saiful - abuse and vexatious use of process, malicious falsehood, and libel.

"What Anwar says here is that the act of filing this police report is an abuse and

a vexatious use of process, a malicious falsehood and a libellous statement," said Sivarasa, adding that Anwar wished to clear his name as soon as possible.

"Anwar's suit is to further reinforce his position which he has already declared, that the police report is a complete fabrication, an act done in bad faith to damage him politically," said Sivarasa, who is also the Subang MP.

He said an injunction is not being sought at this point and Anwar and his counsel planned to take this "one day at a time".

Mohd Saiful, 23, had lodged a report at the Kuala Lumpur Hospital police beat base on Saturday evening, alleging that Anwar had sodomised him at a condominium in Damansara on Thursday.

Mohd Saiful's report sent shockwaves throughout the country, in what the Opposition said is a "second political conspiracy" to finish Anwar off for good.

Anwar was charged in 1998 with



corruption and sodomy.

Sivarasa said new information had been obtained with regards to a proposed plan to lodge a police report against Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan and Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail over their alleged misconduct during Anwar's trials in 1998 and 1999.

He said Gani was part of the prosecution team in 1998, along with the then attorney-general, the late Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah. Musa was the investigating officer for the case.

Police officers review security recordings in the courtroom where Anwar allegedly sodomised his party aide.