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High drama

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Anwar holds PC, Wan Azizah meets PM on hubby's safety

KUALA LUMPUR: It was a day filled with drama yesterday. PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim started the eventful day by giving his first full press conference since leaving the Turkish ambassador's residence on Monday.

Anwar, who is being accused of sodomy by his former aide Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan, said the allegation would not stick as he had an alibi and could prove that he was with a group of

people when the alleged incident took place.

He also pointed his finger at a prominent leader and two others close to the leader as being the people behind the allegation.

Other developments were:

> Anwar's wife Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and daughter Nurul Izzah met with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for about 20 minutes at Parliament

House to seek an assurance on Anwar's safety;

- > Dr Wan Azizah said she presented Abdullah with information on the alleged conspiracy against Anwar at the meeting;
- > Abdullah and his deputy Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak hit out at the United States for its warning that investigations into Anwar's case should follow the law and not be politically motivated;

- > Anwar lodged a police report against Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Musa Hassan and Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail over his black-eye incident in 1998;
- > Mohd Saiful's family called off a planned press conference; and
- > Mohd Saiful's fiancée Janna Syariza declared in her blog that she would stand by her man.

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'I can prove my innocence'

PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim giving a press conference at the party's headquarters in Petaling Jaya yesterday while his wife Dr Wan Azizah looks on. See Page 6. - AZHAR MAHFOF / The Star

Safety assurance from PM

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi answering questions from the press after his meeting with Dr Wan Azizah at Parliament House yesterday. See Page 10. - NORAFIFI EHSAN / The Star