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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Parti Keadilan Rakyat adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday filed a RM10 million suit for defamation against former Parti Keadilan Nasional deputy president Dr Chandra Muzaffar, who had on Thursday refused to apologise or retract statements made against him.

The suit was filed in the Kuala Lumpur High Court by Anwar's lawyers from S. N. Nair & Partners at 3pm yesterday.

In his statement of claim, Anwar is seeking RM10 million as compensation, in addition to exemplary and aggravated damages in respect of slanderous statements

reported in *The Star* and the *New Straits Times* on March 4.

He is also seeking an injunction to prevent Chandra and his agents from repeating the statements made against him on March 3.

Chandra, who was one of five speakers at a public forum on the 2008 general election, had on Monday said it would be an "unmitigated disaster for Malaysia" should Anwar become premier.

"The remarks I had made are fully borne out by facts and information within my personal

knowledge. I stand by my remarks and will defend them in any court of law," Chandra had declared in a statement to the press yesterday, after Anwar threatened to sue him.

Chandra, who is Just World president, claimed it was out of a sense of duty as a citizen and a voter that he had expressed his opinion about Anwar's role as a politician and public figure.

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**- Chandra**

He said while Anwar was a good speaker, he was not the sort of leader the country needs as he

"I would have failed in my responsibility to my fellow citizens and my nation if I had continued to maintain my silence about him," said Chandra, who lamented that

many non-Malays in the country had been taken in by Anwar's multi-ethnic stand.

was now singing a different tune from when he was in government.

"Today, he is portraying a totally different image and it is sad that quite a lot of non-Malays believe this man. He is saying today that he wants to abolish the NEP (New Economic Policy) and that is music to their ears."

Chandra said the most important quality of a leader in a multi-ethnic country is honesty and when a leader speaks on sensitive ethnic issues, he must say the same thing to Malays and non-Malays.

# Anwar sues Chandra for RM10m

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