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# Anwar 'not qualified to be PM'

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**EXPOSE:** Anti-Anwar alliance to conduct roadshows to tell the people of Anwar's 'misdeeds'

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SENATOR Datuk S. Nallakaruppan said yesterday he is sticking to his allegations that opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is a bisexual even if the latter "sued me for RM500 million".

"I stick to my stand that a bisexual is not qualified to be a prime minister or opposition leader. Not in this country (Malaysia).

"This is my principle which I will uphold, even though I am sued for

RM500 million," he said, reading from a prepared statement.

Anwar, the de facto Parti Keadilan Rakyat leader had, on Monday, filed a defamation suit of RM100 million against Nallakaruppan and *Utusan Malaysia*, as well as its editor-in-chief over an article published in the newspaper which he claimed had labelled him as a bisexual.

Anwar had said in his statement of claim that the defamatory words were baseless and intended to disparage his reputation.

"I know the main reason why Anwar is suing me," said Nallakaruppan.

"It is because of my (recent) statement that there was no provision in the constitution that a bisexual could be a prime minister or opposition leader.

"I can never accept a bisexual as my in-law, and I also cannot accept a bisexual as my leader."

Nallakaruppan told a packed press conference at a hotel here yes-



Senator **Datuk S. Nallakaruppan** (centre) at a **press conference** at a hotel in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With him are (from left) **Bayan Baru MP Datuk Zahrain Mohamed Hashim**, lawyer **Datuk Seri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah**, lawyer **Hasnal Rezua** and **Kulim Bandar Baharu MP Zulkifli Noordin**.

terday that he had appointed lawyer Datuk Seri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah to defend him in the defamation suit.

He then handed over a notice sent by Anwar's lawyers to Shafee, saying "he (Shafee) would deal with it from now onwards".

Shafee said they hoped to liaise directly with Anwar's legal team so that the date for the trial of the case could be fixed as soon as possible.

"He should not resort to any delaying tactics but adhere to court order," he said.

Shafee added that Nallakarup-

pan would likely enter a defence plea on the "basis of truth as justification".

Present at the press conference were Bayan Baru Member of Parliament Datuk Zahrain Mohamed Hashim, Padang Serai MP N. Gobalakrishnan, Kulim Bandar Baharu MP Zulkifli Noordin, Perkasa information chief Ruslan Kassim and Parti Keadilan Rakyat founding member Ng Lum Yong.

Gobalakrishnan said Pakatan Rakyat members had reached a "very low level of morality" by continuing to support Anwar.

"It is our job now to educate the society on the decay of moral values and create awareness on the kind of values practised by opposition leaders."

He also said an anti-Anwar alliance, which had been formed, would conduct roadshows and give *ceramah* to further expose Anwar's misdeeds.

Meanwhile, Ng, who left PKR last year, said that if the people backed Anwar to take over Putrajaya, "it was very important for them to know what kind of prime minister they would be electing".