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Ensure Anwar is treated: PM

PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak said he is aware of the illness of jailed PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim and wants the relevant authorities to ensure he received adequate treatment.

"I take note of Anwar's heath and I want the relevant authorities to make sure he receives treatment," he tweeted yesterday following reports that Anwar's health is getting worse as he serves his time in the Sungai Buloh Prison.

Meanwhile, Anwar's lawyer R. Sivarasa has suggested that Anwar be immediately transferred to house arrest and be permitted to visit his own doctors for regular medical treatment.

He said Anwar should also have access to his own doctors for regular medical care while under house arrest.

On June 2, the former opposition leader was examined by doctors at Kuala Lumpur Hospital.

"The doctors reported that he requires further evaluation and treatment relating to a number of medical issues, including irregular blood pressure, a 4cm growth in his kidney, gastritis, a shoulder muscle tear and chronic arthritis," Sivarasa said.

"Anwar is being held in solitary confinement in a bare cell in hot and humid conditions ... which exacerbates his health problems," he said.

"He is permitted to have only rare family visits, despite a doctor recommending that he be allowed to see his family weekly," he added.