

**Columnist says defamed by Umno blogger**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 6 — A columnist with The Malaysian Insider claimed today that he has been defamed by a pro-Umno blogger known as Papagomo.

Amin Iskandar, accompanied by his lawyer, lodged a report at the Jalan Travers police station here over the alleged defamation and asked the authorities to investigate the blogger.

Papagomo, whose real name is Wan Muhammad Azri Wan Deris, had alleged Amin was “violated” by PKR de factor leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in an article posted on the blog that was entitled “Amin Iskandar penulis The Malaysian Insider akui dicabul Anwar Ibrahim” (The Malaysian Insider writer Amin Iskandar admits being violated by Anwar Ibrahim).

Amin strongly denied the allegation and described Wan Muhammad Azri’s action as “not appropriate”.

“This slander by Wan Muhammad Azri... is believed to have been done due to his intention to defend Datuk Razali Ibrahim (deputy youth and sports minister) from my writings and criticisms dated November 25 that can be found on The Malaysian Insider,” Amin told reporters after lodging the police report.

“As a writer and blogger who advocates freedom of expression, this report was made not to limit freedom of speech for bloggers, but to stop slander from becoming a habit by certain parties,” he added.

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