

Prosecution: No proof Najib masterminded Sodomy II
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 13 — Prosecutors today dismissed allegations that Datuk Seri Najib Razak was responsible for the current sodomy charge against Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, saying that the defence had “very little evidence” to support its conjecture.

Defence lawyers yesterday suggested the prime minister was the mastermind behind the sodomy charge against the PKR de facto leader, claiming that the prime minister’s “fingerprints” were “all over” the case.

Anwar has repeatedly accused Najib of being involved in the Sodomy II trial, calling it a conspiracy to destroy his political career.

“All in all, the dock statement of the accused touched on very little evidence which could be said to be related to the charge,” said lead prosecutor Datuk Mohd Yusof Zainal Abiden.

The Solicitor-General II said that Anwar had, through an affidavit-in-reply to Najib’s application to set aside a subpoena to testify in court, “averred” he had never accused the PM of being involved in any “conspiracy.”

“There is really no necessity to deal with this piece of allegation in detail,” added Yusof.

Complainant and star witness Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan has accused Anwar of sodomising him at the upmarket Desa Damansara Condominium in Damansara Heights here on June 26, 2008.

But the PKR de facto leader has repeatedly denied this, and opened his defence case by calling the sodomy charge a trumped-up allegation masterminded by Najib.

The former deputy prime minister said Najib wanted to end his political career and scupper Pakatan Rakyat’s (PR) bid to take over federal government.

The trial resumes on December 15.

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