

Anwar: I did not have sex with Saiful
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 22 — Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said today that he has never had sex with former aide Mohamed Saiful Bukhari Azlan, calling the sodomy charge he faces a “conspiracy by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.”

Opening his defence case from the dock, the opposition leader said: “I categorically deny the charge against me.

“I want to state in no uncertain terms that I have never had any sexual relations with the complainant Mohamed Saiful. His allegation is a blatant and vicious lie and will be proved to be so.”

He said the prosecution had based its case on “so-called findings of seminal fluid or sperm,” which he called a “foundation erected on shaky grounds.”

“This has not prevented them working in hand in glove with the powers-that-be to mount an insidious and relentless campaign to vilify me.

“This entire process is nothing but a conspiracy by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to send me into political oblivion by attempting once again to put me behind bars,” he told the High Court here today.

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