

Anwar vs Khairy: Postponed for Dec 14 submissions
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 25 — The High Court here postponed a decision to strike out or not Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's RM100 million defamation suit against Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin.

The court's decision was to facilitate the defendant to further submit as requested by Khairy's counsel Datuk Seri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, Bernama Online reported.

Muhammad Shafee said Judge Datuk Hue Siew Kheng will listen to further submission by both parties on December 14.

Anwar, the Opposition Leader, is represented by Sulaiman Abdullah and J.Leela.

On February 21 Khairy filed the application to strike out the suit on grounds that it was frivolous, vexatious and an abuse of the court process.

Two years ago, on March 7, 2008, the lawsuit was filed. Anwar claims Khairy (picture) uttered defamatory words recorded in video, during a ceramah in Lembah Pantai, Kuala Lumpur on or about February 20, 2008.

The 64-year-old politician claims that the alleged statements by Khairy suggested he was involved in activities contrary to Islamic beliefs, lacked good character and was unfit to hold high political position.

Anwar is seeking RM100 million in aggravated and exemplary damages, as well as other relief deemed fit by the court.

Khairy said he relied on the defence of justification and qualified privilege, in his defence statement filed on October 8 last year.

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