

Nov 25 for Khairy to strike out RM100 million defamation suit
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KUALA LUMPUR: The High Court fixed Nov 25 for decision on Umno Youth Chief Khairy Jamaluddin's application to strike out the RM100 million defamation suit against him by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Judge Datuk Hue Siew Kheng set the date after hearing submissions from the parties yesterday.

Lawyer Datuk Seri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah appeared for Khairy while Anwar was represented by counsel Sulaiman Abdullah and J. Leela.

In his application filed on Feb 21, Khairy said the suit was frivolous, vexatious and an abuse of court process.

Anwar had filed the suit against Khairy who was then Umno Youth deputy chief, over his remarks at a ceramah in Lembah Pantai here on Feb 20, 2008.

The alleged defamatory words were posted on websites, including Malaysiakini.com.

Anwar claimed the defamatory words, among other things, meant he was involved in activities contradictory to Islam, did not have good character and was not fit to hold political or other positions.

Khairy, in seeking to strike out the application, also stated that as the then deputy chief for Umno Youth, he had legal, moral and social responsibilities towards the public and the Malay community.

In his statement of defence, Khairy said he relied on the defence of justification and qualified privilege.

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