

DAP Fully Supports Anwar Ibrahim As PM
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SHAH ALAM, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- The DAP has expressed full support for Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to be prime minister, irrespective of the High Court verdict tomorrow on the opposition leader's sodomy trial.

Its national chairman, Karpal Singh, in his address at the DAP National Conference 2012 attended by 749 delegates and 349 observers here today, said the party did not see the need for an alternative to Anwar, who is also Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) adviser, as it was confident the latter would not be convicted.

Met by reporters, Karpal, who is also Anwar's defence counsel in the case, said, should the accused be found guilty, he would apply for a stay of execution of the sentence, pending an appeal and its disposal.

On Aug 8, 2008, Anwar, 64, was charged with sodomising his former assistant, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan, 26, at a condominium in Bukit Damansara here on June 26, the same year.

On whether the DAP would participate in the assembly at the Jalan Duta Court complex tomorrow, Karpal said: "DAP leaders will be there to show our support. It is good enough already."

Asked to comment on the 'Godfather-Warlord' issue between him and party deputy secretary-general Prof P. Ramasamy, Karpal dismissed it as a party issue and not a personal one.

He did not reply when asked whether they had made up over the issue.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, in his speech, echoed Karpal on Anwar as the choice for prime minister.

Meanwhile, Lim said DAP would defer the party elections scheduled for August, to December this year to assist Pakatan Rakyat in its bid to retain its win in Selangor in the coming general election.

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