

**Anwar remains Pakatan's PM choice, says Azmin**  
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PETALING JAYA, Jan 6 — Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim remains Pakatan Rakyat's (PR) choice to be the next prime minister whatever the outcome of his sodomy trial may be, PKR Deputy President Azmin Ali said today.

When asked if he was willing or whether he wanted to be the interim PM, he said it would depend on the consensus of the opposition coalition.

"My view is not important. Ultimately, it is the view and the consensus of the leadership in Pakatan Rakyat which is relevant. We will discuss that.

"We are prepared for any eventuality," he told reporters here at the PKR headquarters.

The Gombak MP said PR leaders had already discussed every possible outcome and the course of action to follow.

"We are ready in regards to the leadership to continue Pakatan Rakyat's fight. It is not a problem at all, it's not an issue.

"We discussed and deliberated this issue during the last Presidential Council of Pakatan Rakyat and as is our practice, we always discuss matters openly and the decision will be based on consensus and this consensus will be made known when we feel that there is a right time to make such an announcement," he said.

Anwar was reported as saying on Wednesday that PR has decided who will lead the pact if he is found guilty of sodomy charges and jailed ahead of a general election expected this year, although he did not name any names.

The High Court here will deliver its verdict in Anwar's second sodomy trial on Monday.

Anwar faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted of sodomising his former aide.

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