

Dr M slams Anwar over 'own stance on justice'

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He uses different yardsticks

KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has criticised opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for using different yardsticks in seeking justice.

Labelling him the "champion" of appeals in the nation's legal history, Dr Mahathir in his blog www.chedet.cc/ chastised Anwar for questioning the complainant in his sodomy case, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan's right to appeal the High Court's decision to acquit and discharge Anwar.

"For four years we have not heard anything else other than Anwar's appeals against the decisions made by courts with regard to his recent sodomy case.

"A lot of time was wasted as the courts were forced to determine another date to hear his appeal," Dr Mahathir wrote.

He stated that if the recent verdict had found Anwar guilty, he would have appealed against the decision in the Appeal Court and if the Appeal Court had been in favour of the decision made by the High Court, he would then continue to appeal to the Federal Court.

"He would then continue his quest to the Special Court if the Federal Court's ruling had been against him. So why is he questioning his alleged victim's right to appeal over the case?

"In this country does a opposition leader have special privileges as justice is considered served only when he is found not guilty?," he wrote in his blog.

Dr Mahathir noted that many did not question Anwar's refusal to go under oath and swear on the Quran to prove his innocence in the mosque and in the courts over the sodomy allegation.

"Has it become one of Pakatan Rakyat's agenda to change the nation's laws which has been considered archaic by its leader to western liberalism?"

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