

**AG's Chambers Made The Right Decision, Says Hishammuddin  
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BENTONG, Jan 21 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said that personally he was of the opinion that the Attorney-General's Chambers made the right decision in filing an appeal against the sodomy verdict involving opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"As for me, appealing is not an issue because anyone not happy with a court decision would do so. Anwar himself would," the Home Minister told reporters.

Hishammuddin, who is also a lawyer and Umno vice-president, had earlier closed a retreat for Terengganu Umno leaders at Janda Baik near here. Also present was Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said.

On Jan 9, the Kuala Lumpur High Court had acquitted and discharged Anwar from a charge of having sodomised his former personal aide Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan in 2008.

Judge Datuk Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah in delivering the verdict said the court arrived at the decision because it could not be 100 per cent sure DNA samples tendered as evidence during the trial were not contaminated.

He further said that the court could not convict Anwar based on Mohd Saiful's testimony alone as the evidence given could not be corroborated.

Hishammuddin added that the decision to file the appeal was the sole prerogative of the AG's Chambers and stressed that Umno had nothing to do with it.

The AG's Chambers in a statement Friday had said that the appeal was being filed based on the law and evidence presented during the trial and not on emotions or the influence of any parties.

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