

Anwar Trying To Change Laws In Malaysia, Says Dr Mahathir
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 9 (Bernama) -- Opposition Chief Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim wants to change the laws in Malaysia with Western laws, purportedly to fight for human fundamental rights, said Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The former prime minister said that Anwar had stated in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in Mumbai recently that the Malaysian laws were obsolete, outdated.

"Certainly Anwar knows about obsolete and outdated, for the Westerners it means it is not like what is found in the West now.

"Since the French revolution, the slogan 'Liberte', 'Egalite', 'Fraternite', which is liberty, equality and fraternity haunts the minds of the westerners to an extent that anything which does not meet this slogan has to be changed or wiped-out," he said in his latest posting on his blog, www.chedet.cc Wednesday with the title 'Lapok'.

He said Anwar's allegation that Malaysian laws were outdated would obviously relate to extra-marital sex, unlike in the West.

"Among them are upholding the concept of supremacy of freedom and equality and sexual freedom. If a man, before or after marriage can have sex with any woman, why can't the same apply to women.

"In the name of this freedom and equality, society gives this right to them. Hence, anyone, man or woman, can sleep with anyone and at anytime. With this, the marriage institution between a man and a woman is regarded no longer important," said Dr Mahathir.

Other concepts of human fundamental rights, include changing the concept of marriage and family institution by defining a cohabiting couple as a family, can change partners without a divorce and who becomes the father is not important, he said.

In fact, he said, in the West, marriage between man and man or woman and a woman could be held, adding that anything that was prohibited by religion, customs or laws should be eliminated.

Dr Mahathir said as usual, anything created by the West would be regarded as good for all human beings and as such, efforts were made by the West to expand their concept of sexual freedom and equality.

"We found that the West, with the collaboration of certain Muslims, has succeeded in attempting to change the laws in Malaysia, because in Malaysia, there are Muslims who view any form of control on any form of sex as depriving them of their fundamental rights, as something cruel, especially to political leaders," he added.

Although the West accepted adultery and sodomy as something normal, they could not

accept anyone to be forced to commit adultery or sodomy.

That was why when a woman lodged a report that she was raped by Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the latter was arrested and stripped of his post, he said.

"In Malaysia, too, when a report is received from a victim that he has been sodomised, naturally the accused has to face the law. This is definitely not outmoded because the West also practises this," he said.

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