

Saiful Reveals He Took Second Religious Oath Before Kaaba To Prove Sodomy Claim
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 2 (Bernama) -- Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan repeated his sumpah laknat (religious oath) before the Kaaba in Mecca last year, that he was telling the truth that he was sodomised by Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) advisor Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim four years ago.

At a press conference here Thursday, the former personal aide to Anwar showed a video recording of the sumpah laknat that he took in April last year in front of the Baitullah (House of Allah) while he was on umrah in the Holy Land.

"After one year I took the 'sumpah laknat' in front of the Baitullah, nothing (bad) has happened to me, which proves that I was speaking the truth about being sodomised.

"This is my last defence in continuing with my fight for truth," said Mohd Saiful, who was accompanied by his lawyer, Zamri Idrus, at the press conference.

The 27-year-old first took the sumpah laknat over his sodomy claim at the Federal Territory Mosque in Jalan Duta, here, on Aug 15, 2008.

Mohd Saiful said his second oath (in Mecca) was to show to Muslims throughout the world that his sodomy claim was true and that he was not influenced by anyone to commit political conspiracy against Anwar as alleged by some quarters.

He said he took the first oath in 2008 on the suggestion of two religious figures, former Perlis mufti Datuk Dr Mohd Asri Zainul Abidin and PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat.

In fact, he said, he had also asked several religious figures on his intention to take the sumpah laknat in front of the Kaaba and was told that a serious disaster would befall him if he lied.

On Jan 9, 2012, Kuala Lumpur High Court judge Datuk Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah acquitted and discharged Anwar of allegedly sodomising Mohd Saiful at the Desa Damansara Condominium on June 26, 2008 as there were no strong evidence to support his testimony.

The case has been brought to the Court of Appeal which will this July, hear the prosecution's appeal against the High Court's decision.

Today, Mohd Saiful also expressed regret over Anwar's refusal until now to take the sumpah laknat to prove his innocence.

"Even when he had to make his defence against the sodomy charge in court, he refused to testify under oath," he said.

On his father Azlan Mohd Lazim's action yesterday to withdraw his statement made in March this year, claiming that his son had been used by certain quarters to fix Anwar, Mohd Saiful said his father had been influenced by PKR leaders to do that.

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