

PKR lawyer raises election petitions poser
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The speed in which election petitions have been thrown out of court, based on technicalities, and the amount of costs ordered to be paid have raised the ire of Parti Keadilan Rakyat.

PKR lawyer R. Sivarasa said that in a case in Balik Pulau, the court ordered costs of RM120,000.

"This amount was not in line with the trend of costs awarded in similar litigations which were at the preliminary stage," said Sivarasa.

He added that so far 10 election petitions by PKR and PAS have been dismissed by the courts.

Anwar condemned the selective prosecution of MPs Rafizi and Anthony Loke, as well as other activists who were charged under the Peaceful Assembly Act 2012 and the Sedition Act for their involvement in the Black 505 rally.

"While other cases involving corruption and criminal violence which warrant action by the AG are either swept aside or put on hold, this swift overzealous effort to prosecute citizens and law makers exercising their right to assembly is deplorable and exposes a more insidious conspiracy by the government to silence the voices of freedom and justice," he said.

He said the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak must be held accountable for the vindictive action. - July 29, 2013.

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