

Anwar delaying sodomy appeal because he knows it was a mistake, says Dr Mahathir
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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is doing his best to delay the appeal of his second sodomy case as he is afraid, knowing he has made a mistake (sodomising a former aide), says former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad (pic).

He said Anwar's delaying tactics include seeking the removal of Umno lawyer Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah from leading the prosecution team in the hearing and also an application to recall the former investigating officer in his case, Jude Blacious Pereira.

"Anwar wants to delay it, that's why he filed a motion to remove Shafee, because he is afraid as he had made a mistake.

"But I also believe that he is afraid of Shafee, because Shafee has won many complicated cases. That's why Anwar is nervous," Sinar Harian quoted Dr Mahathir as saying.

In 1998, the former premier sacked Anwar, who was then his deputy.

Anwar, who is now the opposition leader, will contest the Kajang by-election on March 23.

He is speculated to take over as menteri besar from Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

However, Dr Mahathir said a PAS candidate was more suitable than the PKR de facto leader to be MB.

PAS, he noted, had 15 state seats compared with PKR's 14.

"PAS has the right to the MB seat. It cannot be dominated by one party. In Barisan Nasional, an Umno leader becomes the MB because Umno wins the most seats.

"But in Selangor, PKR does not have the biggest power so they cannot control the post forever," he added.

Following the same equation shows that Anwar was not the most deserving candidate to be prime minister, he said.

"He has no right to make such a condition under PR."

Dr Mahathir, commenting on the Kajang by-election, said it did not matter who the BN candidate was but the people had to choose a party which could give them the best service.

"I am of the opinion that the PR government cannot give their best to the people."

Dr Mahathir also expressed his approval over the choice of the new Sarawak chief minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem following Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud's resignation.

"It is a good choice as Adenan had served the state and also at the federal level as a minister." – February 13, 2014.

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