

Anwar sentenced to five years jail
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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was today sentenced to five years jail for sodomy, after the court of appeal overturned his prior acquittal.

Judge Datuk Balia Yusof Wahi allowed a stay on sentencing pending an appeal, and granted bail of RM10,000, to which the prosecution did not object. Bail has to be posted on Monday.

Anwar was first convicted of sodomy in 2000 and sentenced to nine years jail. The conviction was overturned by Federal Court in 2004 and Anwar was released from prison.

In November 2006, Anwar announced he planned to run for Parliament in 2008, after his disqualification expired.

On 26 August 2008, Anwar won re-election in the Permatang Pauh by-election and returned to Parliament as leader of the opposition.

He was again charged with sodomy in August 2008 after an aide, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan lodged a police report claiming he was sodomised by Anwar.

The trial lasted about two years, ending when the High Court found Anwar not guilty in January 2012. – March 7, 2014.

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