

Ex-aide files RM50 million defamation suit against Anwar
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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has been slapped with a RM50 million defamation suit for alleged sexual misconduct against his former aide, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan (pic), in 2008.

The former aide to the opposition leader filed the suit at the Kuala Lumpur High Court on June 25.

Anwar's lawyer Shahid Adli Kamaludin said his client had entered an appearance and would contest the suit.

"We have been ordered to file the defence by September 3," he told The Malaysian Insider after attending a case management before registrar Noor Fauzani Mohd Noordin.

The next case management has been fixed on October 8.

Shahid said Saiful in his statement of claim alleged that Anwar defamed him repeatedly by claiming that the police report he lodged against the PKR de facto leaders was false.

Saiful had made the report on June 28, 2008, two days after the sodomy incident.

On March 7, the Court of Appeal overturned the January 9, 2012 High Court decision in acquitting Anwar on a charge of sodomising Saiful.

He committed the offence at a unit of the Desa Damansara condominium in Bukit Damansara, between 3.10pm and 4.30pm, on June 26, 2008.

The three-member Court of Appeal panel chaired by Datuk Balia Yusof Wahi

sentenced Anwar to five years' jail, but granted him a stay on the sentence pending his appeal to the Federal Court.

Anwar, 67, and Permatang Pauh MP, is now on RM10,000 bail in one surety.

The prosecution has also filed a cross-appeal for a higher jail sentence against Anwar.

The case management for the appeal has been fixed tomorrow.

Anwar's political career risks coming to an end, as an elected representative will be disqualified from office, if fined more than RM2,000 or jailed more than a year and has not received a free pardon. – August 13, 2014.

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