

Anwar's Sodomy II appeal starts on October 28
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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy appeal to set aside his conviction has been fixed for two days from October 28 by the Federal Court, lawyer Ramkarpal Singh said.

He said the court has also fixed October 14 to hear the opposition leader's appeal to disqualify Umno lawyer Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah from being part of the prosecution team.

The dates were scheduled after Anwar's legal team, Shafee and deputy public prosecutor Datuk Mohamad Hanafiah Zakaria met Court of Appeal president Tan Sri Raus Sharif in chambers.

On March 7, the Court of Appeal overturned the January 9, 2012 High Court decision in acquitting Anwar on a charge of sodomising his former aide, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan.

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 is now on RM10,000 bail in one surety.

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

Anwar.

Anwar, 67, had also filed an appeal against a Court of Appeal decision on March 3 which dismissed his third application to disqualify Shafee on grounds of conflict of interest.

Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail had issued Shafee a temporary licence in July last year to prosecute Anwar.

Veteran lawyer Datuk Sulaiman Abdullah would lead the defence team, following the death of Karpal Singh in a road accident on April 17.

Karpal had led the defence team in the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

Anwar's political career as an elected representative will end as he 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 14, 2014.

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