

**Anwar and Nallakaruppan supporters involved in heated argument in courtroom**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Talk about a dramatic entrance.

Datuk Seri K.S. Nallakaruppan — who is being sued by his former friend Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim — was at the centre of a war of words the moment he stepped into the courtroom.

A supporter of Anwar's started insulting Nallakaruppan, calling him "pengkhianat" (traitor) that irked the man himself who shot back at the supporter, warning him to watch his words.

The former Deputy Prime Minister's supporters were mostly unhappy that Nallakaruppan had switched allegiance to the Barisan Nasional after being Anwar's ally for a long time.

As Nallakaruppan's followers began to warn the supporter as well, others began to get involved in a verbal joust to the point police stepped in to warn everyone from both sides.

The five-minute long shouting, however, left Nallakaruppan standing with his men, waiting for a seat, apart from waiting for counsel Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, who arrived only at 10am.

This saw the case postponed to 11am.

Such a rowdy example will, however, no doubt leave bad taste in the mouths of the people.

Anwar filed the suit on Aug 25, 2008 over alleged derogatory remarks made by Nallakaruppan in an article, "Anwar terima RM60 juta" (Anwar receives RM60 million) which was published in the Mingguan Malaysia and Sinar Harian newspapers in August, 2008.

On June 19, 2012, the High Court entered a judgment of liability against Nallakaruppan for his defamatory remarks against Anwar after allowing the then opposition leader's application to strike out Nallakaruppan's statement of defence.

Anwar applied to strike out Nallakaruppan's statement of defence as he claimed the latter failed to furnish better and further particulars on his allegations against Anwar, as directed by a court order issued on Aug 28, 2009.

Nallakaruppan, who is Malaysian Indian United Party (MUIP) president, was unsuccessful in his appeal at the Court of Appeal.

Subsequently, he filed an application for leave to appeal to the Federal Court and obtained the leave in August 2013.

On March 26 last year, a five-man bench Federal Court allowed Nallakaruppan's appeal and ordered a trial to be held.

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