

**Anwar Can Be Disqualified As MP 14 Days After Conviction - Speaker  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 12 (Bernama) - Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim can be disqualified as Permatang Pauh Member of Parliament (MP) 14 days after the date of his conviction.

Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia said this is in accordance with Clause 4 (a), Article 48 of the Federal Constitution.

"I take note of the Federal Court judgment on Feb 10, 2015 which upheld the five years' jail sentence by the Court of Appeal on the YB for Permatang Pauh, for committing sodomy under Section 377B of the Penal Code.

"The disqualification of the YB for Permatang Pauh as a member of parliament will be made in accordance with the Federal Constitution," he said in a statement, here today.

However, if Anwar files a petition for a pardon within 14 days from the date of the Federal Court's judgement, the disqualification will only be effective once the petition is decided, as provided by Clause 4 (c), Article 48 of the Federal Constitution.

The Speaker said he can only notify about the seat's vacancy after Anwar is disqualified as a member of parliament in accordance with Clause 4 (c), Article 48 of the Federal Constitution.

On Feb 10, the Federal Court rejected Anwar's final appeal against conviction for sodomising his former aide, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan by upholding the five years' jail sentence.

The Federal Court's decision was announced by Chief Justice Tun Arifin Zakaria who led a five member panel of judges.

Anwar,66, is being held at Sungai Buloh Prison in Selangor.

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