

Free Anwar protests also to call for Najib's resignation, says PKR Youth
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Demonstrations to free Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim by the #KitaLawan group led by PKR Youth will also push for the resignation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, the group said today.

PKR Youth chief Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad said a protest planned for March 7 will ask Najib to either step down or answer for "failures done during his term", besides asking for Anwar's release from jail.

The opposition leader is currently serving a five-year jail sentence after his sodomy conviction was upheld by the Federal Court on February 10.

"The large demonstration which is to be held this March 7 will focus on asking the prime minister to step down and to also free Anwar.

"He should at least answer for his actions," said Nik Nazmi, referring to Najib.

Nik Nazmi said Najib failed to address problems such as the opaque operations of government-backed strategic development fund 1Malaysia Development Bhd; the murder of Mongolian translator Altantuya Shaariibuu; and abuses by the police force.

"We urge him to step down based on these facts that show his failure in being a national leader.

"If this is ignored, more damage and burden would be passed on the public," he added.

Rasah MP Teoh Kok Seong, who was also at the conference today, said the #KitaLawan demonstrations had a clear focus and objective: that a leader was answerable for his mistakes.

"We want to see a prime minister that is responsible to the nation," he added.

Nik Nazmi and Teoh said the demonstrations should not be seen as attempts to overthrow the government but as an exercise of democratic freedom.

"Asking the prime minister to step down is not trying to overthrow the government. It is practicing our rights," Nik Nazmi said. – February 25, 2015.

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