

Anwar Supporters Again Try To Break Through Barricades
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PUTRAJAYA, Oct 29 (Bernama) -- Supporters of Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who is appealing his sodomy conviction at the Federal Court, once again tried to break through the police barricades around the Palace of Justice here at 2.20pm today.

Bernama pressmen on site witnessed several men attired in black shirts trying to topple the steel barricades to enter the premises but were prevented from doing so by police personnel on duty.

The supporters were also seen screaming at the police to remove the barricades.

Some also burnt pictures of Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan (who had accused Anwar of sodomising him) while shouting curses.

During the commotion, New Straits Times Press photographer Mohamad Shahril Badri was hit in the face with an egg which came from the direction of Anwar's supporters.

"I did not see who threw the egg," he told reporters present.

However, police got the situation under control a short while later.

Anwar's supporters had also attempted to break through police barricades yesterday.

Today is the second day of the hearing of Anwar's appeal against his sodomy conviction by the Appeals Court.

The Appeals Court had found Anwar, who is also Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) advisor and Member of Parliament for Permatang Pauh, guilty of sodomising Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan, his former aide, at a condominium unit in Bukit Damansara here on June 26, 2008.

The prosecution had appealed to the Appeals Court after the High Court acquitted Anwar on the sodomy charge after the defence's case.

Meanwhile, Putrajaya police chief, ACP Abdul Razak Abdul Majid said police were willing to investigate the egg-throwing incident if anyone came forward to lodge a report.

"The photographer has the right to lodge a police report, it is up to him whether he wants to do it or not (lodge the report)," he said when contacted by Bernama.

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