

**Shafee using my sodomy appeal to be next A-G, says Anwar
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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has charged Umno lawyer Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah with politicising his sodomy appeal with the aim of becoming the next attorney-general.

"There are a lot of political gimmicks (used) during the proceedings by this Umno lawyer who wants to become A-G," the opposition leader told reporters after his appeal proceedings were adjourned for the day.

When making submissions for the prosecution today, Shafee told the five-man Federal Court bench that the sexual relationship between Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan and Anwar had been ongoing prior to the June 26, 2008 alleged sodomy for which Anwar is charged.

During trial, the High Court ruled that all other evidence be expunged except those related to the charge.

But today, Shafee sought to get the alleged previous encounters admitted by the apex court.

Shafee also told the bench that a government chemist had developed a DNA profile of the accused from a mineral water bottle, a towel and a toothbrush collected from Anwar who was held overnight in a Kuala Lumpur police lock-up.

The ad-hoc deputy public prosecutor who was engaged by the government only for this case, said the DNA co-related with that of "Male Y" which was swabbed from Saiful's anus.

This proved the prosecution's case that there was penetration and sodomy had taken place, Shafee submitted.

Outside the courtroom, Anwar said DNA was "science and not politics".

"It should not be used to embellish this case and used as a political ploy. It will not work," he said.

Anwar, who has engaged retired Federal Court judge Datuk Seri Gopal Sri Ram as his lead counsel, said his defence team would rebut all the points raised by Shafee.

He said the five judges had been very attentive and patient, unlike the three Court of

Appeal judges who rushed through the case.

The Federal Court had initially fixed October 28 and 29 to hear the Permatang Pauh MP's appeal, but the sitting has been extended to tomorrow due to the volume of submissions.

Anwar was acquitted by the High Court in 2012 on the grounds of weak DNA evidence, but the Court of Appeal overturned the acquittal and sentenced the politician to five years' jail.

Shafee said he had completed about 65% of his submissions and should be able to complete his task by noon tomorrow.

He ended his submissions this morning by discrediting a defence witness, former Pusrawi Hospital doctor Dr Mohd Osman Abdul who was the first to examine Saiful after the alleged sodomy.

Dr Osman testified that he had found no evidence of sexual assault on Saiful based on clinical observation.

The defence has submitted that there was a serious break in the chain of evidence when the prosecution failed to put him on the stand as their witness.

But Shafee said Dr Osman had been lying.

"We have proven that he was telling lies and I repeat this again," he said.

The defence could take the entire afternoon to rebut the prosecution's case tomorrow.
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