

**Just treat Anwar, he's not going to run away, Wan Azizah urges
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Opposition leader Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail has urged the Health Ministry to admit her jailed husband, de facto PKR chief Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, into hospital due to his worsening health.

She said the move would allow him easier and more frequent access to medical treatment, particularly physiotherapy for his shoulder injury.

She added that warding Anwar would also be more convenient for his doctors.

"The medical treatment Anwar needs is very easy to approve, and the cost is not high," Dr Wan Azizah told a press conference at PKR headquarters in Petaling Jaya.

"It is easier if he is brought to the hospital. He can be treated in under an hour, and then they (the doctors) can tend to other patients. We are not denying treatment for other patients. He's not going to run away."

She said Anwar required physiotherapy and conservative treatment to reduce the pain and prevent his health from deteriorating further while awaiting surgery.

She said that if Anwar was not admitted to a hospital, he would require intensive physiotherapy sessions thrice a week until he undergoes surgery.

"It's the same as the treatment he received when he was jailed the first time," said Dr Wan Azizah, referring to Anwar's first period of incarceration from 1999 to 2004.

She also urged deputy director-general of health Datuk Dr Jeyaindran Sinnadurai, who heads a team of 13 specialists treating Anwar, to step in and help their situation.

"Help ease the process to ensure Anwar gets the right treatment immediately," said the PKR president.

She said that Anwar could not undergo surgery if he did not receive effective physiotherapy.

Anwar began serving a five-year prison term at Sungai Buloh prison after the Federal Court upheld his sodomy conviction in February.

He was convicted of sodomising his former aide, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan, in 2008. This was the second sodomy trial since his sacking from government in 1998.

Anwar's family and lawyers have urged Putrajaya to provide swift medical treatment

for the former opposition leader, who is suffering from weight loss, irregular blood pressure, a growth in the kidney, gastritis, arthritis and a shoulder muscle tear.

His lawyers had previously asked for him to be placed under house arrest for better access to medical care. In July, he was hospitalised for several days. – September 30, 2015.

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