

Dr M must clarify support for Anwar, says Ismail Sabri
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Umno supreme council member says Mahathir's support for Anwar suggests that the 1998 sodomy offence did not happen.

KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad should clarify his support for Anwar Ibrahim, the man he sacked from the government and Umno in 1998 for alleged sodomy.

Umno supreme council member Ismail Sabri Yaakob said this was because Mahathir's support for Anwar suggests that the offence did not happen.

"I would like to challenge him (Mahathir) to issue a statement that his action in sending Anwar to prison for sodomy was incorrect. Mahathir has made way for Anwar in Pakatan and only has praise for Anwar.

"Is Mahathir having regrets for calling Anwar a sodomiser? This is what Malaysians want to know," he told reporters after opening a seminar for rubber smallholders cooperatives and the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the National Rubber Smallholders Cooperative here today.

Mahathir, who was prime minister at the time, told a press conference on Sept 22, 1998, that Anwar was involved in sodomy and that a sodomiser was unqualified to be a leader of this country.

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