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## Anwar must swear on the Quran too, says Dr M

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**SERDANG:** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday dared Pakatan Rakyat de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to swear on the Quran to prove he was innocent of the sodomy charge he faces, just like his sodomy accuser Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan had done to demonstrate that Anwar had sodomised him.

"Anwar should also be doing the same thing to prove his innocence," Dr Mahathir said during his visit to the Malaysia

Agriculture, Horticulture and Agrotourism Show 2008 here.

Referring to Mohd Saiful's swearing on the Quran at the Federal Territory mosque in Kuala Lumpur on Friday, Dr Mahathir said it was his way of "proving" he was not lying about the sodomy allegation.

He said that as a figure on the Malaysian political scene, Anwar should act in accordance with public sentiment which required that he give a sworn statement pertaining to the allegation. — Bernama