

## Chronology of events

- **Sept 2, 1998:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is sacked as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister.
- **Sept 3, 1998:** The Umno supreme council expels Anwar from Umno.
- **Sept 20, 1998:** Anwar is arrested under the Internal Security Act 1960, after leading a street demonstration against Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Later in the night, he is assaulted while he in a lock-up in Bukit Aman.
- **Sept 29, 1998:** Anwar is charged in the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court on four charges of sodomy and five counts of corrupt practice; he appears with a black eye and a bruised right hand.
- **Sept 30, 1998:** Anwar is charged in the Petaling Jaya Sessions Court with one count of sodomy.
- **Oct 14, 1998:** Anwar is released from ISA detention after 24 days but remanded at the Sungai Buloh prison after his application for bail is rejected.
- **Nov 2, 1998:** Anwar's trial on four counts of corruption commences before High Court Justice S. Augustine Paul.
- **Jan 7, 1999:** Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor resigns as Inspector-General of Police and accepts full responsibility on behalf of the police force for the assault on Anwar on the night of Sept 20.
- **Jan 27, 1999:** Dr Mahathir announces a Royal Commission of Inquiry would be formed to look into the assault on Anwar.
- **March 1, 1999:** Rahim Noor admits at the Royal Commission of Inquiry that he had struck a blindfolded and handcuffed Anwar in the lock-up.
- **April 7, 1999:** The Royal Commission of Inquiry investigating Anwar's black eye recommends in its report to the King that action be taken against only one police officer for causing injuries to Anwar.
- **April 14, 1999:** After 77 days of trial, Anwar is sentenced to six years' jail by High Court Justice S. Augustine Paul on four counts of corrupt practice.

- **June 6, 1999:** High Court Justice Arifin Jaka begins hearing case against Anwar and his adopted brother Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Madja for allegedly sodomising Anwar's family driver Azizan Abu Bakar.
- **Aug 2, 1999:** Azizan testifies in court he was sodomised 10 to 15 times by Anwar between 1992 and 1993.
- **March 15, 2000:** Rahim Noor is sentenced to two months' jail and fined RM2,000 by the Sessions Court for assaulting Anwar. He appeals against the sentence.
- **July 18, 2000:** Anwar's trial ends after 117 days, spread over 14 months.
- **Aug 8, 2000:** Anwar is found guilty and sentenced to nine years' jail for sodomy. He is to serve the term consecutively with his six-year term for corruption.
- **Nov 25, 2000:** Anwar is hospitalised for a spinal injury he claims resulted from beatings by the police two years ago.
- **April 29, 2000:** The Court of Appeal dismisses Anwar's appeal against the conviction and sentence on charges of corrupt practice.
- **April 30, 2001:** Former Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor is sent to the Kajang Prison to serve a two-month jail term for assaulting Anwar.
- **May 12, 2001:** The High Court acquits and discharges Anwar on four counts of sodomy and one count of corrupt practice, which were the remaining five of 10 charges he had claimed trial to in 1998.
- **May 24, 2001:** Dr Mahathir refuses to allow Anwar to leave the country for medical treatment for his spinal injury.
- **February 4, 2002:** Federal Court begins hearing of Anwar's appeal against his conviction on four charges of corrupt practice.
- **April 2, 2002:** Federal Court, comprising Chief Justice Dzaidin Abdullah, Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak Steve Shim and Federal Court judge Justice Haidar Mohd Noor, reserve judgment on Anwar's appeal saying "several issues of law and facts were canvassed, and we would require time to deliberate on all these issues".
- **July 10, 2002:** Federal Court dismisses Anwar's appeal against the conviction for corruption.

- **April 18, 2003:** Court of Appeal dismisses Anwar and Sukma's appeals against the sodomy convictions.
- **May 10, 2004:** The Federal Court quashes Anwar's application to have two of the three judges hearing his sodomy appeal to be disqualified. He had claimed Justice Abdul Hamid Mohamad was biased and that Justice Tengku Baharuddin Shah Tengku Mahmud lacked experience.
- **May 22, 2004:** Anwar and Sukma fail to obtain bail pending the Federal Court's decision on their appeals.
- **Sept 2, 2004:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim walked out a free man after the Federal Court in a 2-1 majority decision allows his appeal against the conviction for sodomy. The court, which began hearing the appeal on March 24 last year, reserved judgment May 20, 2004. While Justice Datuk Abdul Hamid Mohamad and Court of Appeal Justice Tengku Baharudin Shah Tengku Mahmud ruled in Anwar's favour, Datin Paduka Rahman Hussein dissented.