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Malaysia

- **Statute:** Section 377 of the Malaysian Penal Code: Unnatural Offences
- **Penalty:** 20 years/caning and fine
- **Restrictions:** None

Unnatural Offences 377. Whoever voluntarily has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman or animal shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 20 years and shall also be liable to fine or whipping.

Section 377a. Outrages on decency. Any male person who, in public or private, commits, or abets the commission of, or procures or attempts to procure the commission by any male person of, any act of gross indecency with another male person, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years."

Explanation - Penetration is sufficient to constitute the carnal intercourse necessary to the offence described in this section.

(1983 Report on Laws Governing Homosexual Conduct of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong).

News

- [Malaysian Police Raid Gay Sex Party, Arrest 37](#) - *The Advocate*, November 6, 2007
Police in Malaysia, where sodomy is a crime, broke up a gay sex party and arrested 37 men, including a Briton and a Chinese national, a senior official said Tuesday.
- [37 Arrested in Malaysian Gay Sex Sweep](#) - [365Gay.com](#), November 6, 2007
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- [No Homosexuals in Malaysian Navy, Says Chief](#) - *Today*, February 25, 2005
- [Anwar Seeks Privacy Provision in Malaysia Gay Laws](#) - November 11, 2004
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- [Mahathir Undaunted by an Anwar Comeback](#) - October 6, 2004
- [Mahathir Not Worried About Possible Anwar Comeback](#) - October 6, 2004
- [Malaysia Ruling Party Urged to Shun ?Traitor? Anwar](#) - September 22, 2004
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- [Malaysia?s Long Sodomy Battle](#) - September 20, 2004
- [Malaysia?s Anwar Loses Court Bid](#) - September 15, 2004
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- [Fight to Clear Anwar?s Name Is Far From Over](#) - September 10, 2004
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- [Waking Up to a New Tomorrow: Interview with Anwar](#) - September 4, 2004
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- [Malaysia's Anwar Ibrahim Set Free](#) - September 2, 2004
- [United Nations Ill-Advised on Homosexual Laws](#) - February 8, 2004
- [Malaysian Leader Attacks Gays & Western 'Homo' Media in National TV Speech](#) - September 3, 2003
- [Malaysian Islamic Opposition Plans to Extend Islamic Laws on Non-Muslims](#) - July 9, 2002
- [Malaysian State Legislature Passes Bill on Strict Islamic Criminal Code](#) - July 8, 2002
- [Former U.S. Envoy Asks Bush Not to Meet Mahathir](#) - April 17, 2002
- [Malaysian Lawyers Conclude Appeal Against Anwar's Corruption Conviction](#) - April 2, 2002
- [Appeal Set for Ousted Gay Official](#) - November 6, 2001
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- [Anwar Judgement Coming Aug. 4](#) - July 18, 2000
- [Anwar Appeals for Fair Verdict](#) - July 18, 2000
- [Anwar Sodomy Testimony Halted](#) - June 22, 2000
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- [Witness Says Police Forced Anwar Charges](#) - February 9, 2000
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- [Anwar Trial Set To Resume Tuesday](#) - January 23, 2000
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- [Malaysian Prime Minister Ordered to Testify at Sodomy Trial](#) - October 21, 1999
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The organisation Pink Resistance in the southern city of Johor Bahru reports that the state Religious Affairs Department has a new law imposing a 5,000 ringitt (US\$1700) fine and six strokes of a rotan (rattan cane) and/or three years in jail for sexual "offences" including prostitution, heterosexual adultery, lesbianism and sodomy. (OG News, 2/1998)

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