

PM: Justice should apply to all, even former VIPs

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FORMER VIPs should allow themselves to be subject to the judiciary system if they are charged, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

Whether the person charged was a former *pembesar* or special person, he should allow himself to be subject to the same system applied for others, the Prime Minister said.

"There are people claiming themselves to be Muslims, but they are

non-practising Muslims.

"They lie and defame others- and, in society now, it is difficult to look for four people who have witnessed sodomy committed by anybody.

"Such acts are done without the knowledge of anybody, but God-will know," he said in reply to Abdul Hadi Awang (PAS - Marang).

He said that those charged in court would not be considered guilty unless proven so.

Hadi had said earlier that when one was charged in court, the accused should not be considered a convict as the court had yet to make a decision.

Hadi said that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was now seen as though he had been convicted.

"Immoral matters should be dealt with in the Islamic way," he said, adding that- in Anwar's case, four witnesses should testify.