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Court-Anwar (Suit)
ANWAR FILES NOTICE OF APPEAL

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 24 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim today filed a notice of appeal over the High Court decision to strike out his suit against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the government of Malaysia challenging his dismissal from the Cabinet on Sept 2.

Anwar, 51, the former Deputy Prime Minister and former Finance Minister, filed the notice through his lawyer, Karpal Singh, at the High Court registry in Wisma Denmark here at 9.35am.

Karpal told reporters that he would ask for an early hearing date.

Yesterday, Justice Datuk Mohamed Saari Yusoff struck out Anwar's suit after ruling that his dismissal from the cabinet was constitutional and did not contravene Article 43(5) of the Federal Constitution.

Mohamed Saari made the decision after allowing the application by the Attorney-General's Chambers to set aside Anwar's suit, which was filed on Dec 4, on the grounds that it did not disclose any reasonable cause of action and that it was frivolous, vexatious and an abuse of court process.

Anwar had sought a declaration that his removal was unconstitutional and that Dr Mahathir had contravened Article 43(5) when dismissing him.

He had wanted the court to declare that his dismissal was null and void, inconsequential and of no effect, and that he was still a cabinet minister.

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