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Dec 10 fixed to hear suit against Government

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The High Court has fixed Dec 10 to hear Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's suit against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the Government for wrongful dismissal.

Lawyer M. Manoharan from Karpal Singh and Co said the Attorney-General had been served with the notice of appointment which was extracted today.

Dr Mahathir and the Government filed their notice of appearance on Nov 24.

Anwar, who is being tried on four of five charges of corrupt practices, had filed his originating summons in the High Court on Nov 13.

He is seeking a declaration that he is still the Deputy Prime Minister and the Finance Minister since his dismissal on Sept 2 was null and void as it violated Article 43(5) of the Federal Constitution.

The article states that ministers other than the Prime Minister shall hold office during the pleasure of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, unless the appointment is revoked by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

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