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MAHATHIR AMONG THE WITNESSES IN ANWAR'S TRIAL

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Special Functions Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin are among the 52 witnesses lined up by the prosecution in Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's corruption trial.

The list of prosecution witnesses includes Attorney-General Tan Sri Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Mohd Noor, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob and singer and actress Norzilah Jalil, better known as Ziela Jalil.

Anwar's private secretary Azmin Ali and his brother, Azman, sister Ummi Hafilda, Azmin's wife, Shamsidar Taharin, and Anwar's former aide-de-camp Zull Aznam Haron.

Dr Mahathir's political secretary, Datuk Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin, author of the book "50 Dalil Mengapa Anwar Tidak Boleh Jadi PM", Abd Khalid @ Khalid Jafri Bakar Shah, Datuk Mohd Ismail Che Ros, former director of the Criminal Investigation Department, Bukit Aman, and Anwar's former driver, Azizan Abu Bakar, are also in the list received from one of the defence counsel.

A doctor and 20 police officers are also listed.

Anwar is charged with four counts of using his position to interfere in police investigations into allegations of sexual misconduct against him in August this year.

The trial is into its third day and the prosecution has so far called its first witness, outgoing police special branch director Datuk Mohamed Said Awang, who has yet to finish his testimony.

The trial is fixed to run until Nov 14.

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