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Anwar sues Dr M for slander

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim today filed a defamation suit against Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad seeking RM100 million in damages for slander allegedly uttered by the Prime Minister at a Press conference last year.

In his suit filed by the law firm of Karpal Singh and Co in the High Court registry, Anwar claimed that Dr Mahathir uttered the words with the knowledge it would be published nationally and internationally.

The suit alleged that Dr Mahathir uttered the words at the Prime Minister's Department to journalists, both from the local and international media, on Sept 22 last year.

This, it said, included one Dorinda Elliot from Newsweek, the international news magazine which caused the said words to be subsequently republished in Newsweek on Oct 5 last year and extensively distributed in Malaysia and worldwide.

In his suit, Anwar is also seeking an injunction to restrain Dr Mahathir, his servants and/or agents from further uttering the words complained of or words to the effect of or concerning the plaintiff.

He is seeking interest to the adjudged sum, costs and any further or other relief deemed fit and proper by the court.

Present at the registry were lawyers Karpal, Gobind Singh Deo and Jagdeep Singh Deo.

Anwar, 51, is facing five charges of sodomy and five counts of corrupt practices.

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