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ANWAR FILES NOTICE OF APPEAL

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim filed a notice of appeal today to set aside a High Court decision which struck out his RM100 million defamation suit against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad.

The notice was filed at the High Court registry at Wisma Denmark, here, this morning through Messrs Kapal Singh and Co.

The High Court had on Monday allowed Dr Mahathir's application to strike out the suit.

Justice Datuk Dr R.K. Nathan held that the suit was frivolous and vexatious and an abuse of the process of the court. He also said that Anwar's claims were obviously unsustainable.

Anwar, the former deputy prime minister and former finance minister, filed the suit on Jan 25, claiming that Dr Mahathir had falsely and maliciously spoken to local and foreign reporters in a news conference held the Prime Minister's Department accusing him of committing immoral act.

Dr Mahathir, in his statement of defence filed on March 22, contended that he spoke the words as prime minister on an occasion of qualified privilege.

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