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ANWAR REPLIES TO STATEMENT OF DEFENCE

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 2 (Bernama) -- Former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim today filed the reply against the statement of defence by Home Minister, former Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor and the Malaysian government in his civil suit for the injuries he sustained while under police custody.

He filed the document at the High Court registrar's office in Wisma Denmark through his counsel Karpal Singh.

Karpal would also file a certificate of urgency for the court to fix an early date to hear the case.

In his reply, Anwar denied uttering the word "father of dogs" at any time as alleged by the three defendants in their statement of claim filed on Aug 25.

They claimed that Rahim slapped Anwar on his face after he (Anwar) provoked him by calling "father of dogs."

Anwar also said he would rely on the facts in Rahim's case to be heard by the Sessions Court from March 6 to 10.

Rahim had been charged with attempting to cause grievous hurt to Anwar on Sept 20 last year while he was in the police lock-up at the federal police headquarters in Bukit Aman.

Anwar also said he would make reference to the decision and conclusion made by the Royal Commission of Inquiry which held Rahim responsible for Anwar's injuries.

On Jan 8, Anwar sued the Home Minister (then Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad), Rahim and the government for exemplary and aggravated damages claiming that he suffered trauma, humiliation, distress and indignity.

He is also claiming other costs and relief deemed fit by the court.

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