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DECISION ON FRIDAY ON BID BY STAR TO STAY ORDER

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- An application by Star Papyrus Printing Sdn Bhd to stay an order issued by a High Court senior assistant registrar in a RM150 million libel suit brought against the printer by Mirzan Mahathir will be decided on Friday.

Justice Datuk Hashim Yusof fixed the date after hearing submissions from counsel Datuk V.K.Lingam for Mirzan and Mohamed Shafee Abdullah for the printer, in his chambers.

On Aug 14, senior assistant registrar Terriruddin Mohamed Salleh ordered Star Papyrus to give better and further particulars to Mirzan by Aug 28 failing which its statement of defence would be struck out.

Star Papyrus, a subsidiary of Star Publications (M) Bhd and the printer of the Kuala Lumpur edition of the Asian Wall Street Journal, had filed its notice of appeal against the order.

Mirzan is suing the printer over a front-page article in the Asian Wall Street Journal on Jan 4 with the headline "Mahathir's eldest son limits ambitions."

The article detailed Mirzan's career and how he was allegedly helped by banks and other companies in Malaysia on his way to success.

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