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New subpoena for Dr M to appear on Monday

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The High Court today issued a new subpoena for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to appear on Nov 1 for the sodomy trial of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Gobind Singh Deo, who is counsel for co-accused Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Majda, said the subpoena was for Dr Mahathir to testify on behalf of his client.

"My office will issue a letter to the PM to state that a subpoena will be served to him which will specify a date and time for him to attend court," he told reporters after the trial was adjourned.

Gobind Singh said the testimony to be given by Dr Mahathir would definitely be in relation to the issue of sodomy.

"We expect the Prime Minister to attend court as stated in the subpoena. The question of sending him a list of the proposed questions does not arise," he said.

He said as Dr Mahathir had openly stated that he was willing to come, he urged the Prime Minister to accept service.

"Efforts are being made and I expect the subpoena to be served within the next few days," he said.

Previously, on Oct 21, judge Datuk Arifin Jaka had fixed Oct 28 for Dr Mahathir to testify in the trial.

Anwar is still currently making his defence to the charge against him.

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