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PM and A-G asked to testify

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The High Court has issued subpoenas against the Prime Minister and the Attorney-General to testify for the defence in the Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy trial.

Anwar's counsel Karpal Singh said today the subpoenas were issued on Monday following the defence application. The subpoena against Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah was served on him yesterday.

The one against Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was yet to be served.

Anwar and his adopted brother businessman Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Madja were ordered by the High Court on Monday to enter their defence on charges of sodomy and abetment.

They will start their defence under oath from tomorrow.

The sacked Deputy Prime Minister and Sukma are charged with sodomising former driver Azizan Abu Bakar in 1993.

Sukma is also facing a second charge of abetting Anwar in sodomising Azizan who is the former driver of Anwar's wife Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

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