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PM AND AG SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT ANWAR'S SODOMY TRIAL

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah have been subpoenaed to testify at the sodomy trial of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar's defence counsel, Karpal Singh, said that the subpoena issued by the High Court against Mohtar was served on him yesterday.

Both of them had been subpoenaed to appear as witnesses for the defence, Karpal Singh said when contacted, here.

Anwar, 52, and his adopted brother, Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Madja, 38, are jointly being tried on separate charges of sodomising Azizan Abu Bakar, 39, at Sukma's apartment in Tivoli Villa, Bangsar, here, one night at 7.45pm, between January and March, 1993.

Sukma, a businessman, faces another charge of abetting Anwar in sodomising Azizan, Anwar's wife's former driver, at the same time and place.

They have been called to enter their defence at the close of the prosecution's case.

The court will hear the defence's case from tomorrow.

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