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PM served subpoena to testify, says counsel

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been served with a subpoena to testify at the sodomy trial of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Gobind Singh Deo, counsel for co-accused Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Madja, said Dr Mahathir was served with the subpoena on Saturday and he has acknowledged service.

"We will inform the Prime Minister when we will require his attendance in court," he told reporters, adding that Dr Mahathir was not present today as Anwar was still giving evidence.

He said he was confident the Prime Minister would attend court and expected him to testify towards the end of this week or early next week.

He said they would also speak to the Prime Minister before he takes the stand.

Meanwhile, High Court deputy registrar Rozilah Salleh confirmed that Dr Mahathir was served with the subpoena on Saturday.

She said after Anwar and Sukma gave their evidence, the defence and prosecution would discuss the date to call the Prime Minister.

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