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# Defence ordered to serve Anwar's affidavit on PM

**KUALA LUMPUR, Fri:** A High Court today ordered Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's affidavit, filed in support of his application to subpoena Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, be served on the **Prime Minister**.

Justice Datuk Ariffin Jaka said the affidavit, filed on **March 9, has to be served in** view of the prosecution's objection to Mahathir being called as a defence witness.

"I am also of the opinion that the facts and allegation in the affidavit have to be brought to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir's attention," he said. Further, lawyer Karpal Singh has also relied on **Anwar's affidavit** when submitting the application to call Mahathir.

He added that the affidavit must be served by one of **Anwar's** lawyers as soon as possible to allow Mahathir time to make the necessary **reply**.

He stressed that he is not ordering the **Prime Minister** to reply but inereely compelling the affidavit to be brought to his attention.

"If Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir feels it necessary to reply, he is given time to do so until 4pm on April 4, which is next **Tuesday**," he said.

When Karpal and another lawyer, Sankara N. Nair, pointed out that there may be **difficulties** involved, **Ariffin** urged Senior DPP Datuk Abdul Gani **Patail** to assist.

Gani said the usual practice is for counsel to make the service on their own. "But if there is **difficulty**, I will arrange for a police officer to accompany the counsel," he said.

The court also set Tuesday to hear applications by Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin and Deputy Education Minister Datuk **Aziz** Shamsuddin to set aside their **subpoenas**.

**Ariffin** chided the lawyers for failing to assist **Anwar** in replying the affidavits put forward by Daim and **Aziz** in support of their applications.

He said although **Anwar** filed his own replies, the lawvvers must assist him to ensure that all procedural requirements are **fulfilled**.

The judge also ordered the sodomy **trial** of **Anwar** and his adopted brother Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Madja to continue to avoid unnecessary delay He said there are other witnesses who are still kaiting to testify.

"I saw Datuk **Megat** Junid waiting out there for **many** days. **When** are you **going** to call him?," Ariffin asked Karpal, who replied that they plan to do so after calling Mahathir, **Daim** and Aziz.

He also pointed out that Ziela Jalil (**Megat** Junid's second wife), **who** has been served with a subpoena, and another defence witness, lawyer Sukdev Singh, were also waiting outside.