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# Judge wants PM to stop filing affidavits

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Wed:** The High Court today made an order preventing Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad from filing further affidavits in relation to Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's application to call him as a defence witness.

Justice Datuk Ariffin Jaka made the order, saying he has enough facts to consider from the reply Mahathir filed yesterday.

"It will also stop further confusion to the application. If parties keep replying to each other the case will never finish," he said.

He added that additional affidavit filed by Anwar today in reply to Mahathir's deposition will be the last one to be filed in relation to the application.

"Anyway, I have enough facts already. I'm tired of reading affidavits after affidavits. Datuk Seri Anwar started the application, so it's fair he gets the last say."

Anwar's lawyer Karpal

Singh told the court that the additional affidavit was given to Senior DPP Datuk Abdul Gani Patall to be served on Mahathir.

Ariffin told Gani to show the affidavit to Mahathir and relay to the Prime Minister the court's decision.

When Gani said he has no say whether or not Mahathir will want to reply to the affidavit, Ariffin stressed he has already made an order.

The court then set Monday to hear the application.

Ariffin also deferred hearing Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainudin's application to set aside the subpoena compelling him to testify in Anwar's sodomy trial.

He said he will only hear the application after the disposal of Anwar's application (to call Mahathir) as sought by Karpal.

The sodomy trial faced by Anwar and his adopted brother Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Madja will continue with other witnesses on Friday.