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ANWAR TRIAL POSTPONED ON DEFENCE REQUEST

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 21 (Bernama) -- The ongoing Anwar Ibrahim sodomy trial at the high court here was today postponed to March 6 to give the defence time to prepare its arguments for the relevancy of calling Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to give evidence.

Justice Datuk Arifin Jaka allowed the application of leading defence counsel Christopher Fernando while senior deputy public prosecutor Datuk Abdul Gani Patail did not object.

Fernando said the defence needed time to prepare an affidavit to state the relevance of Dr Mahathir's testimony.

The defence was also preoccupied with preparations for Anwar's appeal on his corruption case which is to be heard at the Appeals Court on Feb 28.

Dr Mahathir had been subpoenaed to testify in the Anwar sodomy trial but the court has yet to rule on the matter. -- Bernama