

Court orders Anwar to pay RM18,489 in costs to Dr Mahathir

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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has to pay Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad RM18,489 in costs after his application for leave to appeal the dismissal of his RM100mil defamation suit to the Federal Court was thrown out.

Federal Court deputy registrar S. Kalyana Kumar awarded the amount to the Prime Minister in chambers yesterday.

Counsel for Dr Mahathir, Fadzilah Mohd Pilus, had

asked the court to grant her client RM102,114 in costs.

On Feb 23, The Federal Court dismissed with costs Anwar's application for leave to appeal against the High Court's dismissal of his suit against Dr Mahathir.

On Aug 30, 1999, the High Court threw out the defamation suit on the grounds that Anwar's claim was "obviously unsustainable" and that his suit was frivolous, vexatious and an abuse of the court process.