

Anwar ordered to pay RM18,489 costs to PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — The Federal Court today ordered Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to pay RM18,489 to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in costs.

The costs were in relation to the dismissal of an application by Anwar for leave to appeal against the Court of Appeal's decision rejecting his appeal involving his RM100 million defamation suit against Dr Mahathir.

The order was made by Federal Court Deputy Registrar S. Kalyana Kumar in his chambers.

Present were counsel Karpal Singh, who appeared for Anwar, while lawyer Fadzilah Mohd Pilus represented Dr Mahathir.

The costs sought was RM102,114.

The Federal Court had on Feb 23 dismissed Anwar's application for leave to challenge the Court of Appeal's decision of Dec 9 last year dismissing his appeal involving the suit.

The High Court had on Aug 30, 1999, struck out the suit filed by Anwar.