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FEDERAL COURT TO HEAR ANWAR'S APPLICATION FOR LEAVE ON FEB 19

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 29 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's application for leave to appeal the High Court's dismissal of his defamation suit against Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be heard by the Federal Court on Feb 19.

Anwar is seeking leave to appeal in the Federal Court after the Court of Appeal upheld Justice Datuk Dr R.K.Nathan's decision to dismiss the RM100 million suit with costs.

Anwar, who filed the suit in January 1999, claimed that Dr Mahathir had lied and had malicious intentention when he told a press conference at the Prime Minister's Department that Anwar had committed an immoral act.

Dr Mahathir said in his defence that he had uttered the words in his capacity as the Prime Minister with conditional privilege.

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