

PM unaware of Anwar's claims of harassment

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was not aware of an allegation that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is being harassed by prison officers.

"I don't know anything," he said yesterday, when asked to comment on Anwar's counsel S.N. Nair's claim that the prison officers were harassing his client.

Nair had claimed that five senior prison officers had searched Anwar's cell at the Sungai Buloh prison last Friday, and they had metal detectors.

Dr Mahathir was speaking at a press conference after opening Pasarakyat at Jalan Imbi, near here.

Asked to comment on a report in a foreign wire service that Anwar could be chosen as the recipient for this year's Nobel Peace Prize, Dr Mahathir said: "Very good."

He said the Nobel Peace Prize was no longer for activities to uphold peace, but had turned into a political prize.

"It is no more a peace prize but one to encourage people to destabilise a country," he added.