

Anwar ordered to pay RM35,000 costs

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KUALA ISJMPUR, Fri. — The Court of Appeal today ordered Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to pay RM35,381 costs to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad following his unsuccessful appeal against the striking out of his RM100 million suit against the Prime Minister.

Court of Appeal Deputy Registrar Mohd Nasir Yahya made the order in Chambers after reserving decision on March 7, following submissions by counsel for the respective parties.

The Prime Minister, who was

represented by Fadzilah Mohd Pilus, had sought RM152,755 in costs from Anwar, who was represented by Karpal Singh.

This is the third in a series of costs sought by Dr Mahathir relating to the suit which was struck out by the High Court on Aug 30, 1999.

The High Court had on April 17 last year ordered Anwar to pay RM85,000 costs to Dr Mahathir, who had asked for RM203,958.80.

On July 6 last year, the Federal Court ordered Anwar to pay Dr

Mahathir RM18,489 costs relating to his unsuccessful application for leave to appeal against the Court of Appeal's decision on Dec 12, 2000, in dismissing his appeal against the High Court ruling.

Dr Mahathir had asked for RM102,115.80.

Anwar had filed the suit in January 1999, claiming aggravated and exemplary damages for words uttered by Dr Mahathir during a Press conference on Sept 22, 1998.