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Anwar refuses to accept bankruptcy notice

DATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday refused to accept a bankruptcy notice issued on his failure to pay RM35,381 in costs to the Prime Minister.

This follows Anwar's unsuccessful appeal against the striking-out of his RM100 million suit against Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Court of Appeal ordered Anwar to pay RM35,381 in costs to Dr Mahathir in April. The former Deputy Prime Minister is in Sungai Buloh prison serving six years' jail for corruption.

Anwar's lawyer, S.N. Nair, at a Press conference, confirmed that the Prime Minister's lawyers went to the prison yesterday about 10am to serve the notice.

Nair said he was informed by prison officials that Dr Mahathir's lawyers were there. He had received an earlier letter dated Sept 5 from the lawyers informing him of the impending service.

"Anwar did not want to meet the servers of the notice. He has stated that he does not want to pay the money.

"What will likely happen now is for the Prime Minister's solicitors - Adnan, Sundra and Low - to initiate substituted service," said Nair.

Dr Mahathir's solicitors declined comment.

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