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PM seeks RM152,755 costs from Anwar

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is seeking RM152,755 in costs from Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim relating to his unsuccessful appeal against the striking out of his RM100 million suit against the Prime Minister.

Court of Appeal Deputy Registrar Mohd Nasir Yahya deferred decision to April 26 after hearing submissions in chambers today by Anwar's counsel Karpal Singh and Fadzilah Mohd Pilus who appeared for Dr Mahathir.

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

On April 17 last year, the High Court had 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 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 his suit in January 1999, claiming aggravated and exemplary damages for words uttered by Dr Mahathir during a Press conference on Sept 22, 1998.

He had alleged that Dr Mahathir had defamed him while he was in prison and was unable to defend himself.

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