

# DAP expects to call PM as witness in defamation suit

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The DAP is expected to call Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to testify at the High Court in a defamation suit by former Malacca Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik against the party and two of its leaders.

At yesterday's court proceedings, counsel Karpal Singh, who appeared for DAP, informed the court that a subpoena had been issued but not served on Dr Mahathir yet.

Karpal Singh also told Justice James Foong that Anwar had been subpoenaed and would appear as a witness in the case.

The trial, which was supposed to

begin yesterday, was adjourned to today following an application by Karpal Singh to resolve some preliminary issues.

Abdul Rahim's counsel Datuk Dominic Puthucheary told the court that he had no objections to the adjournment but would like to settle the preliminary issues first.

The proceedings at the court ended with both Karpal Singh and Dominic addressing the preliminary issues before Justice Foong in his chambers.

Abdul Rahim, now a businessman, is suing DAP, its chairman Lim Kit Siang and adviser Dr Chen Man Hin in connection with the publication and distribution of a book and posters.