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Anwar's suit against Sun Media quashed

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The High Court today quashed a RM100 million libel suit filed against Sun Media Corporation Sdn Bhd by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Senior Assistant Registrar K. Rajeswari allowed an application by the company in chambers to strike out the writ of summons and claim with costs.

The suit, filed by Anwar on Jan 26, 1999, was for publishing an article headlined "Anwar's behaviour despicable: PM", based on a Press conference given by the then Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as reported in The Sun newspaper on Sept 23, 1998.

In its statement of defence, Sun Media cited qualified privilege in admittedly publishing the words Anwar found contentious.

Sun Media said it was the legal, moral and social duty of the defendant to publish the Prime Minister's words.

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