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Acquittal for the late Bunyamin

KOTA BARU, Tues. - The Sessions Court today acquitted former MP for Bachok Bunyamin Yaacob, who died on Feb 13, from a criminal defamation charge over his claim that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had watched a pornographic video with his grand-children.

Judge Azman Abdullah made the decision following an application by deputy public prosecutor Azmi Ariffin.

Azmi told the court that the prosecution did not wish to proceed with its case although there were still 10 witnesses who had yet to testify.

Bunyamin, who was an information officer with the State Information Secretariat, was alleged to have committed the offence during a ceramah at Pusat Tarbiyah Islamiyah in Pengkalan Chepa here between 10pm and 11.30pm on March 15 last year.

On the first day of hearing on Nov 11 last year, Azman stopped the proceedings after Bunyamin was taken ill.