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PM withdraws bankruptcy suit against Anwar

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has withdrawn bankruptcy proceedings against Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar's lawyer S.N. Nair, in confirming this yesterday, said his client was informed of the matter through a letter dated Jan 6.

"Our client received the notice of withdrawal on Jan 15 at the Sungai Buloh prison," he said.

Nair said Anwar and his family were relieved Dr Mahathir had withdrawn the suit.

Dr Mahathir's solicitors had on Oct 10 last year attempted to serve the notice on Anwar at Sungai Buloh prison, where the former Deputy Prime Minister is serving a six-year jail sentence for corruption, but Anwar refused to meet them.

The notice was issued on Anwar's failure to pay RM35,381 in costs to the Prime Minister following Anwar's unsuccessful appeal against the striking-out of his RM100 million suit against Dr Mahathir.

The Court of Appeal ordered Anwar to pay RM35,381 in costs to Dr Mahathir in April last year.

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