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Hearing of application by publisher put off

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The High Court today postponed to April 8 the hearing of an application by publisher Dow Jones Publishing Company (Asia) and four others with regard to businessman Mirzan Mahathir's RM200 million libel suit against them. The application is for Mirzan to provide further particulars in his statement of claim. The hearing was fixed for today before judge Datuk Abdul Wahab Patail. Defence lawyer Azhar Azizan Harun said the hearing was postponed to facilitate a "re-look at the submissions". In the suit filed on March 18, 1999, Mirzan sued the defendants over an article published in the Asian Wall Street Journal on Jan 4, 1999, and on the Internet.