

**Judge allows defence to quiz PM, Rosmah**  
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Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim scored a significant morale boosting victory today when the High Court said that the prosecution must ensure the attendance of its witnesses who are to be interviewed by the defence team.

Justice Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah said since the witnesses are offered by the prosecution, as such, it is their responsibility to ensure they attend the interview session.

"However, it depends on the witness if they want to say anything in the interview. Hence, I am allowing both the defence applications," he said.

Solicitor-general II Mohd Yusof Zainal Abiden had earlier submitted in court that Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, his wife, Rosmah Mansor, and former inspector-general of police Musa Hassan and former Malacca police chief Mohd Rodwan Mohd Yusof would only come forward if they are subpoenaed.

Anwar (left in photo), in commenting on the decision, said it caught him by surprise but it did not change his opinion that the court is still biased against him following the lengthy decision to call for his defence.

"It has presented us with an avenue to interview key witnesses which is important for us," he said.

"I think the prosecution made a blunder in offering these witnesses to us. Because when they offer they have to produce them (to be interviewed)," he said.

So let's see what happens, Anwar said.

"Hopefully now the (prosecution) will come up with the witnesses that we have sought for."

Now, he said, there is a court order and the witnesses are compelled to come to court to be interviewed.

Anwar also remarked that that former prime minister (Dr Mahathir Mohamad) had refused to be interviewed in the Sodomy 1 case but has continued to make scurrilous attacks on him.