

Court to decide on hearing Najib-Rosmah's application

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The court may decide today on when to hear the joint application by Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and his wife, Rosmah Mansor, to set aside the subpoenas served on them to testify at the sodomy trial.

Four lawyers - former DPP Salehuddin Saidin, senior criminal lawyers Hisyam Teh Poh Teik, M Athimulan and Ghazi Ishak - filed the application yesterday.

Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim, who is accused of the charge, has described the latest development as "uncool", taking a swipe at the PM's recent bid for an image makeover to endear himself with the Malaysian youths.

Anwar is also expected to file an affidavit in reply to Najib and Rosmah's application. In addition to the duo, two others - former IGP Musa Hassan and former Malacca police chief Mohd Rodwan Mohd Yusof - are also being summoned as defence witnesses.

On the trial front, Australian DNA expert Dr Brian McDonald (right) will be re-examine today by Ramkarpal Singh following two successive days of cross-examination by the prosecution.

The prosecution had yesterday sought to damage McDonald's credibility when it brought up court cases which had rejected his testimony.

LIVE REPORTS

9.07am: Queens Counsel Mark Trowell, who is an observer for the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), is in court.

9.10am: The accused, Anwar Ibrahim, arrives with PKR president and wife, Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

azlanAnwar's lawyers and solicitor-general II Mohd Yusof Zainal Abiden are already in court.

There is however still no sign of the lawyers representing both Najib Razak and Rosmah Mansor.

9.24am: Both defence lawyers and prosecutors enter the judge's chambers for a closed-door meeting.

9.31am: The lawyers emerged from the judge's chambers.

9.49am: Court proceeding begins with Justice Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah presiding.

Yusof says he has some more questions to ask in his cross-examination.

9.52am: Yusof asks a question about degradation, then he informs the court he is withdrawing an assertion he made yesterday regarding chemist Dr Seah Lay Hong's testimony.

9.53am: Now Ram Karpal is conducting re-examination. He asks regarding Dr Brian McDonald's qualification and the court cases in which he had testified.

10.05am: McDonald says he is certified senior scientist.

10.08am: McDonald says there was no issue over the standard of DNA tests which he performed in the Brokaw, Australian case (one of the cases raised by the prosecution).

10.17am: McDonald reiterates that he does not have the benefit of scrutinising all the findings, as the

documents were not provided to Anwar's defence team.

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