

Court orders AG's Chambers to pay Anwar's lawyers

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The High Court in Kuala Lumpur today ordered the Attorney-General's Chambers to pay RM1,000 as costs to Anwar Ibrahim's legal team.

syed hamid albar exclusive interview larger pix 231008 04The chambers had sought a postponement in the hearing of a defamation suit filed by the opposition leader against former home minister Syed Hamid Albar (right).

Today was fixed for the hearing of the suit.

Anwar's counsel Sankara Nair said this to reporters after discussing the matter with Justice Nik Hasmat Nik Mohamad and senior federal counsel Tengku Intan Suraya in the judge's chambers.

"As the plaintiff's witnesses were there, including Anwar, the court agreed to award RM1,000 in costs to Anwar's legal team following the request for postponement," Sankara said.

According to Sankara, the case will be heard from Oct 28 to 30 and his team is considering settling the dispute outside of court.

"We will write to the attorney-general regarding this," he said.

Anwar was present in court as early as 9am to testify.

Anwar then went to a sessions court in the same jalan Duta court complex to observe the proceedings against Pandan MP Rafizi Ramli, Seremban MP Anthony Loke and student activist Adam Adli.

The trio were charged under the Peaceful Assembly Act in relation to the Black 505 rally held at Padang Merbok in Kuala Lumpur last month.

Anwar had filed his defamation suit in 2008 against Syed Hamid for branding him as a "United States snitch".

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