

Zambry's defamation suit against Wan Azizah on Nov 22
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KUALA LUMPUR - The High Court fixed Nov 22 to hear an application by Perak Mentri Besar Dr Zambry Abd Kadir in his RM100mil defamation suit against PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and three others, The Star reported.

Senior assistant registrar Noordura Mohamed Din set the date for the hearing after meeting the parties in her chambers Tuesday.

Dr Zambry's lead counsel Firoz Hussein Jamaluddin told reporters later that the court has rescheduled the date to hear the matter after the defendants' lawyer Ranjit Singh requested for an adjournment.

Ranjit's chambering student mentioned the case for him Tuesday.

According to Firoz, the application was made based on an admission by the defendants in their statement of defence.

Firoz said the application was being made under Order 27 (Rule 3) of the Rules of the High Court 1980.

Dr Zambry had on Feb 25 filed a RM100mil suit against Dr Wan Azizah, PKR deputy presiden Dr Syed Husin Ali and two others over an alleged defamatory article published by the party's monthly newspaper Suara Keadilan.

In his statement of claim, Dr Zambry said Suara Keadilan had published and circulated an article entitled "Zambry disyaki pengganas gagal masuk ke Amerika Syarikat" (Zambry denied entry to US on suspicion of being a terrorist) in its Dec 29, 2009 to Jan 5, 2010 edition which contained defamatory words.

Dr Zambry claimed the words meant that the plaintiff was suspected of being a terrorist and was unfit to be the mentri besar of Perak.

In their statement of defence, the defendants stated that an apology entitled "Mohon Maaf Dr Zambry" and withdrawal of the said article were published in the Suara Keadilan edition of March 30 - April 5.

Dr Syed Husin is being sued in his capacity as chief editor of the newspaper. The other two named as defendants are Suara Keadilan publisher Pelita Koridor Sdn Bhd and the newspaper's printer Percetakan NPK Sdn Bhd.

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