

Sept 29 Hearing Of Application By PM, Wife To Set Aside Subpoenas
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KUALA LUMPUR -- The High Court is to hear on Sept 29 the application by Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak and his wife Rosmah Mansor to set aside the subpoenas compelling them to testify as defence witnesses in the sodomy trial of Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim.

Justice Mohamad Zabidin Mohd Diah set the date after meeting counsel for both the parties in chambers. Anwar and the public prosecutor are the respondents.

The judge also set Oct 3 to 7 for continued hearing in the sodomy trial after Australian chemist Dr Brian McDonald concluded his testimony today.

On May 16, Justice Mohamad Zabidin ordered Anwar to enter his defence after ruling that the latter's former aide, Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan, the complainant in the case, was a truthful and credible witness.

Anwar, 64, pleaded not guilty in the Sessions Court on Aug 7, 2008, to committing carnal intercourse against the order of nature at the Desa Damansara Condominium in Bukit Damansara between 3.10 pm and 4.30 pm on June 26 of the same year.

Meanwhile, Anwar's counsel S. N. Nair told reporters the defence intended to call four more witnesses.

They were orthopaedic surgeon Dr Thomas Hoogland from Germany, former inspector-general of police Musa Hassan, former Melaka police chief Mohd Rodwan Mohd Yusof and Chemistry Department director-general Lim Kong Boon.

Nair said Dr Hoogland had treated Anwar for his spinal injury in Munich, Germany.

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