

Anwar's suit against Dr M to be heard in March

KUALA LUMPUR: The High Court has fixed March 7 to hear a second defamation suit brought by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim against Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Judicial Commissioner Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat fixed the date after holding a pre-trial conference with Anwar's counsel S.N. Nair and Dr Mahathir's lawyers Datuk V.K. Lingam and Datuk

V. Sithambaram in chambers yesterday.

The proceedings came only days after Dr Mahathir filed an application to strike out the suit, which was filed on Jan 27 last year.

In the application filed last Friday, the former prime minister said Anwar's writ of summons and statement of claim should be struck out because it was scandalous, frivolous or vexatious.

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He is seeking costs of this action from Anwar.

No date has yet been fixed by the court to hear Dr Mahathir's application.

In his suit, Anwar, the former deputy prime minister, claimed that Dr Mahathir had portrayed him as a man of no morals and one dangerous to Malaysian society.