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## Dr Mahathir to testify in Ling's cheating trial, says DPP

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will testify in the cheating trial of Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik.

Lead prosecutor DPP Datuk Tun Abd Majid Hamzah confirmed this to High Court judge Justice Ahmadi Asnawi when he questioned former Valuation and Property Services depart-

ment director-general Datuk Sahari Mahadi yesterday.

Tun Abd Majid had questioned Sahari in a letter dated June 29, 2002, sent by the former transport minister to Dr Mahathir over the purchase of a land in Pulau Indah.

Sahari said the letter showed that there was

an additional interest of 7.5% per year for the purchase of the land.

Tun Majid later said the prosecution would call Dr Mahathir to testify in the trial.

Former department deputy director Datuk Mani Usilappan said the price of RM25psf for the purchase of 336 hectares of land in Pulau

Indah between the Port Klang Authority and Kuala Dimensi Sdn Bhd came about as it was not going to be paid in cash.

"If it was on cash basis, it would have been RM21 psf," he said.

He added that it would be a deferred payment over a period of 10 years.