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# Anwar won't say if he has forgiven Dr M

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim evaded the issue of whether he had forgiven former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for removing the former as his deputy and for his first sodomy conviction.

"I have forgiven a lot of people," said Anwar between proceedings on his defamation suit against Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin at the High Court here yesterday.

On Sept 14, Anwar's daughter, Nurul Nuha, reportedly demanded that Dr Mahathir admit to past misdeeds against her father, who is serving a five-year sentence for sodomy.

She said an apology from Dr Mahathir was a prerequisite for his newly registered Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) to forge ties with PKR, of which Anwar is de facto leader.

Anwar was removed from the cabinet in 1998 and was prosecuted for sodomy, which saw him jailed in 2000. The Federal Court overturned the conviction four years later.

He is serving a five-year custodial term at Sungai Buloh Prison for a separate 2008 sodomy conviction.

Anwar, who was accompanied by



PKR de facto leader **Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the High Court in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.** Pic by Aizuddin Saad

prison guards in red hats outside the court, said he had explained his stance on Dr Mahathir to his family.

He said what was important now was for him and Dr Mahathir to work together.

"I appreciate and thank him (Dr

Mahathir) for his support.

"My concern is the present. People in the present should stop the harassment and injustice," Anwar said as prison guards escorted him back into court via a door to the witness room.