

## SUIT AGAINST AZMIN

# Dr M willing to testify in court

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is willing to be called to court as a witness in a suit filed by Gombak constituents against their parliamentarian, Datuk Seri Azmin Ali.

The former prime minister, in a statement, said the court was the most appropriate forum to confirm the allegations by the 10 plaintiffs, who filed the suit.

"I see the people's courage to question the credibility and integrity of a member of parliament (MP) like Datuk Seri Azmin as a process to mature the country's democracy.

"Based on the statements of claim filed by the plaintiffs, I was informed by my lawyers that Azmin was accused of breaking his oath as an MP, disregarding the trust of the voters for selfish reasons and did not bother to fulfil his promises made dur-

ing the 14th General Election and for committing a tort of deceit."

On Tuesday, 10 Gombak voters filed a civil suit against Azmin, who is also the senior international trade and industry minister, for allegedly breaching his fiduciary duty and representations to his constituents.

"There are also claims that Azmin now cooperates with Barisan Nasional leaders, including those who have and are facing criminal charges.

"I have mentioned all the things repeatedly on the alleged matters," Dr Mahathir said.

MPs, he said, should understand that they were elected by the people to speak on their behalf and to lead them and not to abuse their position for self-interest or to gain positions of power.