

Court Sets July 16 for Parties in Suit Against PAS President to Submit Documents
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KUALA TERENGGANU, June 10 (Bernama) -- The High Court here has set July 16 for parties in a suit filed by Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) member Mohd Shamsul Mat Amin against PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang to submit their document bundles for case management.

Kuala Terengganu High Court deputy registrar Rusita Md Lazim set the date in chambers, Tuesday. Mohd Shamsul was in court with his lawyer Alias Ibrahim.

Alias, told reporters that the date was set for case management before the court fixed the trial date.

Last Feb 23, the Kuala Terengganu High Court had ordered Abdul Hadi to pay RM2 million in damages to Mohd Shamsul for the defamation suit he filed on December 5 last year.

Mohd Shamsul had won a judgment in default in December last year, after Abdul Hadi failed to appear in court to respond to the suit.

On April 14, the High Court set aside the judgment in default against Abdul Hadi after finding the writ of summon filed by Mohd Shamsul did not follow court procedures.

Mohd Shamsul had sued Abdul Hadi over his statement that there was a drug dealer among PKR's general election candidates last year, which was used as an excuse by PAS to nominate their own candidates in the seats allocated to PKR resulting in a three-cornered fight in Bukit Besi.

In his statement of claim, Mohd Shamsul claimed that Abdul Hadi's speech in Kampung Tebakang Alor Limbat, Marang on April 22 had tarnished his reputation as a candidate and businessman.

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