

## 'Dr M won't apologise to Anwar'

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### **Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will not apologise to Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for calling the former deputy prime minister a sodomist.**

The former prime minister will defend himself against any proceedings that Anwar intends to commence against him.

Datuk V. Kanagalingam, of V.K. Lingam & Co, said Dr Mahathir would not accede to any of Anwar's demands. The lawyer, representing Dr Mahathir, said these sentiments were contained in a letter sent to the office of Anwar's lawyers, S.N. Nair & Partners, at 9.30am today. Nair had served a notice of demand on the former prime minister's lawyers at their office on Sept 23. Nair had stated in the notice that Anwar had allegedly been defamed by the remark that he was a sodomist.

The former deputy prime minister wanted an apology and damages of RM100 million within 14 days or threatened to file a writ of summons. Anwar would use his acquittal by the Federal Court of sodomy charges to prove that he was not a sodomist.

He also planned to use the court decision to convict Datuk Khalid Jafri, the author of 50 Reasons Why Anwar Cannot Be Prime Minister, of malicious intent. (Khalid has since died). Kanagalingam said the Federal Court, in its decision on Sept 2 last year, had made "a specific finding that Anwar was actually involved in homosexual activities".

He also said that the court had held in its judgment that "we find evidence to confirm that the appellants (Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Sukma Sasmitaat Madja) were involved in homosexual activities and we are more inclined to believe that the alleged incident at Tivoli Villa did happen".

The reply also stated the finding by the court was final and conclusive and clearly proved that Anwar was involved.