

## Anwar wants RM100m and apology from Dr Mahathir

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has sent a legal letter to Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad demanding an apology and RM100mil in damages for alleging that he was a sodomite and a homosexual.

Anwar, who was represented by his lawyer S.N. Nair, served the letter on Messrs V.K. Lingam, the law firm representing Dr Mahathir, yesterday afternoon.

The letter, which claimed the defamatory remarks were made to seek cheap publicity and sensationalism, stated that Dr Mahathir had made the statements in response to a question posed by a journalist at a press conference at Suhakam on Sept 9.

The former deputy prime minister contended that Dr Mahathir had made the remarks despite the fact that he had been acquitted and discharged by the Federal Court on Sept 2 last year on charges of sodomy, and the High Court's finding on Aug 18 this year that all allegations of sexual misconduct, contained in the book *50 Dalil Mengapa Anwar Tidak Boleh Jadi PM* (50 Reasons Why Anwar Can't Be PM) were untrue and undisputedly defamatory.

Dr Mahathir, when asked at the Malaysian Indian Association dinner at the Putra World Trade Centre about Anwar's letter, said: "That's his right. It's up to him."