

# Govt will ensure separation of powers, says PM

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KOTA BARU, Fri. — The Government will ensure that each of its three branches — the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary — will keep to its role specified in the Constitution.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri ~~Dr Mahathir Mohamad~~ said this was important for the smooth functioning of Government administration.

"We do not want the chaos that could result from a branch usurping the role of the other.

"So far, we have had no problems on this score but lately there is indication that things are not what they used to be."

He said the Government would ensure that this was nipped in the bud so that it did not become widespread.

Dr Mahathir was speaking at a State dinner held in his

honour for his two-day visit here.

Among those present were Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Mohamed Yaakob, Defence Minister Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen, Gua Musang Umno division leader Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah and Kok Lanang Umno division leader Datuk Abdullah Ahmad.

The Prime Minister said the harmony in the country was not only due to good race relations but also due to the strict adherence to the rule of law.

This had resulted in prosperity and development for the people in the country.

Many in the country would have taken this prosperity and development for granted if they were unaware of the situation in other countries.

After the dinner, Dr Mahathir had a closed-door meeting with the Kelantan Umno liaison committee.