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MAHATHIR AGREES TO MEET BAR COUNCIL IF.....

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SUBANG, Oct 29, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he is willing to meet the Bar Council if it stops discrediting the country's judiciary abroad.

+They've caused foreign investors to lose confidence in Malaysia... indirectly they've sabotaged the country's economy,+ he told a press conference at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport here on his return from the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Harare and after an official visit to Tanzania.

He said that much as he would like to resolve whatever problems that have arose, the Bar Council must first accept responsibility for discrediting the Malaysian judiciary world-wide.

+The Bar Council is still going around spreading lies to everyone,+ he said.

He said while abroad he found out that Bar Council members had given statements based on their views to various foreign legal bodies such as the association of American Lawyers, on the dismissal of former Lord President Tun Salleh Abbas.- more

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In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), he said he had to explain that the dismissal of the Lord President was carried out in accordance with the law and Federal Constitution, a point which the Bar Council did not highlight.

+I don't know what to make of the Bar Council, whether it is a political party or a body to safeguard the integrity of the legal profession as they have acted as though they are anti-government,+ he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the Bar Council should give attention to matters involving their profession, such as lawyers breaching the trust of their clients, in efforts to improve on their existing image.

He said he had the name of a certain lawyer whom the American lawyers said fed them with false information.

Asked whether the government would take action against the lawyer, he said: +We will not take action because we can defend ourselves against adversed reports which are no criticism.+ -- more

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He said that what these people wanted was to make use of the views of foreigners to discredit Malaysia.

"Asked on the possibility of setting up an alternative Bar Council, he said he was not aware of it.

He said the situation in Malaysia was different from that of other countries as the government seemingly had no right over the Bar Council even if there were malpractices involving their members. -- Bernama

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