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Mahathir joins judges at meet

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CHIEF Justice Tan Sri Mohd Eusoff Chin said at a meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday, judges were told that the independence of the judiciary does not mean that judges can make decisions at their whims and fancies.

"(The Prime Minister said) the independence of the judiciary means that the judges' decisions must be made according to the law," Eusoff told reporters after the closed-door affair, which was held in conjunction with the judges' annual conference.

This is the first time Dr Mahathir has joined the judges at their conference.

"The Prime Minister (said he) is happy that the judges have been making decisions according to the law and rules," Eusoff said.

The Chief Justice said the court makes decision after examining the facts of the case and the relevant laws.

Among the issues raised by the judges during the meeting was the shortage of court staff and salaries.

Mohd Eusoff said Dr Mahathir also urged the judges to work hard.

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