

# PM: Attacks on judiciary' uncalled for

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**LANGKAWI, Sun:** It is not appropriate for other countries to question Malaysia's judicial system, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"We can question the US system, too. We see how a black man was severely beaten up . . . their judge freed the policemen who beat peo-

ple up . . . the same things happen in New York," he said after officiating the close of the **Piala Perdana** 2000 badminton championship at the Sports Complex here .

Mahathir was commenting on the move by Malaysia to send protest notes to countries which had attacked the country's judiciary in its handling of the criminal cases against Datuk Seri **Anwar Ibrahim**.

Among the countries

which had issued statement condemning Malaysia over **Anwar's** verdict were the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the European Union.

Mahathir said these countries also have no regard for the sovereignty of other countries, citing as example the case of Panamanian President Manuel Noriega who was **shanghaied** to the US to face trial.

"This has never been done by any country" he said.