

14 JUNE 2000

Eusoff-Conference

EUSOFF ARRIVES IN KUANTAN FOR CONFERENCE, DECLINES COMMENT

KUANTAN, 14 Jun (Bernama) -- Chief Justice of the Federal Court Tun Eusoff Chin arrived here today to attend the two-day annual conference of the Malaysian Council of Judges starting tomorrow.

He declined to answer questions posed by journalists upon his arrival at the airport.

"No comment....nothing to say," he said while walking to a waiting car.

Yesterday, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad claimed that the Bar Council's proposal for the setting up of a tribunal or royal commission of inquiry to probe Eusoff's alleged misbehaviour was an attempt to strip the chief justice of his post.

The Bar Council's move followed Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim's statement in a radio interview in Australia early this month that it was "improper behaviour" for Eusoff to holiday with lawyer Datuk V.K.Lingam in New Zealand.

The chief justice has since said that he paid for his holiday and met Lingam by chance.

-- BERNAMA

ros sk