

Bar Council to reply to criticism

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PETALING JAYA, Tues: The Bar Council will reply tomorrow to criticism that its objection to Datuk Abdul Gani Patail's appointment as the new attorney-general is biased, unfair and slanted towards opposition views.

Council chairman Mah Weng Kwai, who returned from overseas today, will prepare the statement.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday that those who opposed Gani's appointment should give him a chance to carry out his duties and not run him down merely because he was part of the prosecution team in Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's cases.

The council had reportedly sent the prime minister a letter last week expressing its concern over the appointment.

DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang also wants Gani to appear before parliament to fully account for his role as prosecution head in the AG's Chambers.

He said it was more important to restore public confidence than to give Gani a chance to prove himself as the attorney-general.