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`Not bound to accept all recommendations'

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The Government is not duty-bound to accept all recommendations made by the National Human Rights Commission or Suhakam, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"That is their view. But it is not necessarily the Government's view. We are not bound to accept all their decisions," he said.

The Prime Minister was asked to comment on several recommendations made by Suhakam in its annual report.

Said Dr Mahathir: "Like I said the other day, the responsibility of Malaysian security is not with Suhakam, but it's with us ... with our police.

"We have to listen to their views too," he said.

Dr Mahathir was speaking to reporters after delivering a speech and attending a dialogue with students from the African continent at the Young African Leadership and Intellectual Dialogue: Dr Mahathir's Perspective On the Role of the New Generation in Developing Countries.

Present were African ambassadors and high commissioners, more than 1,000 students from African countries from local universities and other institutions of higher learning and their lecturers. The event was jointly organised by the African Students' Society in Malaysia and Pemuda Umno.

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