

Sultan to court: Be cautious regarding sensitive cases
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The Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim, has reminded the judiciary and courts to exercise caution when handling sensitive cases including that involving the power of rulers as they can disrupt harmony.

He said sensitive cases were unsuitable for hearing and should be rejected as it could cause dissatisfaction of one party.

"It is best not to entertain sensitive cases especially those involving the power of rulers," he said when opening a seminar on the Malaysian constitution in Johor Bahru today.

Sultan Ibrahim said debate and disagreement on sensitive issues should be avoided as it would only widen the differences among religions and races.

Whatever confusion should be clearly explained so that the people could live in harmony, peace and with mutual respect, he said.

He criticised certain quarters championing their own race and questioning the rights and privileges of the Malays enshrined in the federal constitution.

"We must remember that the rights and privileges of the Malays do not deny others their rights stated in the constitution.

"This was down to the high tolerance of past leaders.

"Take a lesson from the May 13 incident in 1969 which erupted after tolerance gave way to extremists bent on destroying the peace," he said.

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