

Salleh' case is closed

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PUTRAJAYA: The Cabinet has agreed that there is no case for a review of the 1988 judiciary crisis which led to the sacking of Tun Salleh Abas as Lord President.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz said the Cabinet has endorsed his statement that there was no case for a review.

"The Cabinet endorsed my statement. The case is closed," he told *The Star* yesterday.

Salleh had outlined his five points for a review including his meeting with the then prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad who had asked him to step down because he was accused of being biased in the discharge of his judicial duties.

Nazri explained that Salleh's point that he was asked to leave

by Dr Mahathir was a matter between the two of them.

"That is privy between them. The fact is there was no miscarriage of justice during the trial," he said in reference to the tribunal set up to hear the misconduct charges against Salleh.

"I am more concerned if there is new evidence and facts that have emerged during the trial. I am looking at this objectively as a minister in charge of law."

On Aug 8, 1988, the Government accused Salleh and five judges - Tan Sri Eusoffe Abdulcader, Tan Sri Azmi Kamaruddin, Datuk George Seah, Tan Sri Wan Sulaiman Pawan-
teh and Tan Sri Wan Hamzah Mohamed Salleh - of misconduct.

The judges were suspended and later, Seah, Salleh and Wan Sulaiman were sacked after they were tried by tribunals.