

PM: Ruling shows Islamic court system is fair and just

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KUALA LUMPUR: The ruling by the Seremban Syariah High Court that Nyonya Tahir was a non-Muslim showed that the Islamic court system was fair and just, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He added that the fact that the court also allowed the immediate family to attend court proceedings was also consistent with the truth and justice tenets propagated by Islam.

“In the earlier case (of Mount Everest climber Sjn M. Moorthy), the people had the impression that the doors were shut to non-Muslims, but the opposite took place in Seremban where their statements were presented to court.

“This goes to prove that there is justice in the Syariah courts and that those involved did not just shut their eyes and disregard the facts of the case,” Abdullah told reporters after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

Abdullah was asked to comment on the court decision of Nyonya, 89, who died last Thursday of natural causes that sparked a controversy when her family wanted to inter her as a Buddhist while she had been registered as Malay of the Muslim faith.

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