

No plans for commission

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Nazri: Present system of judges' promotion effective

JUDGES are selected and promoted based on the Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz.

In a written reply to Karpal Singh (DAP-Bukit Gelugor), Nazri said the present system of selection and promotion of judges had existed for 50 years and it was suitable and effective.

"Therefore, the Government has no plans to set up a Judicial Commission as the present system must be preserved," he said.

Karpal Singh had asked why the Government was not prepared to set



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up an independent judicial commission to decide on the selection and promotion of judges to ensure transparency and a strong judiciary.

Nazri explained that the principles underlined the basis of selection

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of judges and promotion which "should be based on objective factors, in particular ability, integrity and experience."

He said the selection of judges for the Federal Court, Court of Appeal and High Court came under Article

122B of the Federal Constitution.

The Article 122B said that all judges should be appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong on the advice of the Prime Minister with the consultation of the Conference of Rulers.