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## Dr Mahathir to comment 'in due time'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has decided to refrain from commenting on a claim by High Court Judge Datuk Ian Chin that he had interfered in the judiciary — for now.

Writing in his blog, [www.chedet.com](http://www.chedet.com), Dr Mahathir noted that both the *New Straits Times* and *The Star* had chosen to

splash Chin's "stunning" claims of "my alleged interference in the judiciary, providing brief respite from the current issues of oil price hike, etc, etc".

"I will refrain from commenting for now and will do so in due time," he said in the posting at 3.24pm yesterday.

However, Dr Mahathir, said he was curious as to what Chin con-

sidered as "veiled threat".

"Perhaps he could be more specific as his allegations are very serious," he said.

Meanwhile, Gerakan vice-president Datuk Dr S. Vijayarajam praised Chin's decision to open himself to the possibility of being recused in the election petition case he was hearing.

"This is an example for other

judges to follow.

"It shows the integrity of the member of the bench," he said.

While not wanting to be drawn into the merits and demerits of Chin's comments, Vijayarajam hoped the comments would pave the way for transparency, independence and impartiality on the part of the Malaysian judiciary.

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