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# Dr M takes the stand

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**No,** I did not know Lingam then

**No,** Vincent Tan did not call me over CJ

**No,** I can't recall why I dropped two lawyers

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's much awaited testimony before the V.K. Lingam video clip inquiry yesterday failed to shed much light.

He repeatedly replied "No" or "I do not remember" to various questions posed by leading officer DPP Datuk Nordin Hassan.

However, Dr Mahathir, the first former prime minister to appear before a Royal Commission of Inquiry, emphatically denied that he was influenced by anyone on the appointment of judges.

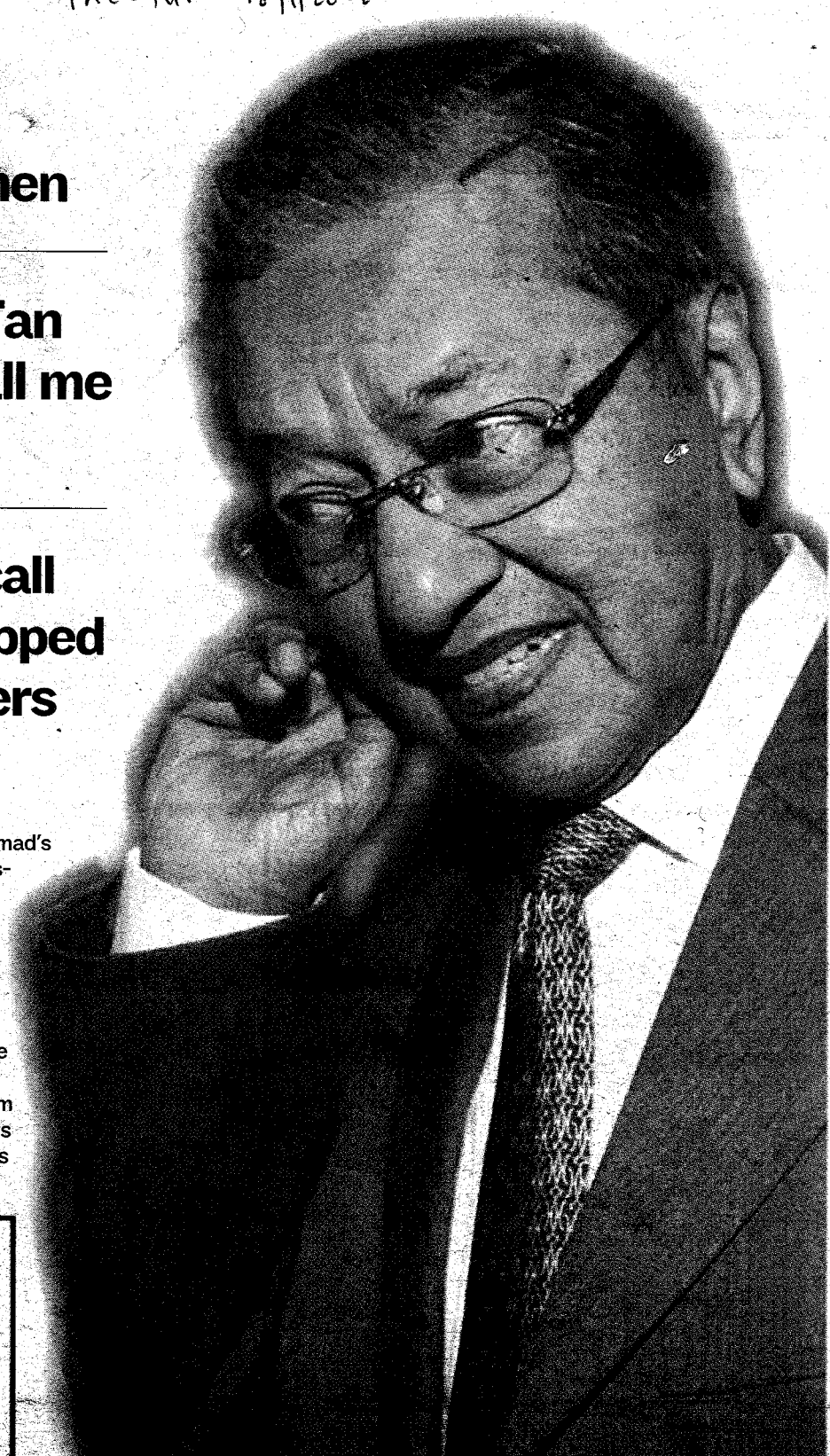
Before he took the stand, his counsel Tunku Sofiah Jewa told the inquiry that Dr Mahathir would give his full cooperation.

"Our client wishes us to say that he will answer questions put to him even if in law from our perspectives as counsel we think the questions are not relevant or within the scope of the terms of reference of this Royal Commission of Inquiry," she added.



»I think he was 'mabuk' (drunk). I don't know who he was talking to anyway«

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**No big revelation:** Tun Dr Mahathir at the hearing yesterday. There were several things he could not recall.