



RIGHT BEHIND YOU, SIR: Dr Mahathir signs Cabinet documents at his last Cabinet meeting. Behind him are the Ministers and Deputy Ministers

'WE'LL KEEP DOING IT OUR WAY'

By DENNIS CHUA

MALAYSIANS will continue to do things 'our way', says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"As you know, we do things our own way and others cannot influence us or threaten us," he said after attending a function at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya yesterday.

He was commenting on reports that the US Senate

was trying to restrict a US\$1.2 million (RM4.5 million) military training assistance to Malaysia.

It was to show displeasure over Dr Mahathir's remarks that the Jews controlled the world by proxy, made at the recently-concluded 10th OIC summit of Islamic leaders in Putrajaya.

Dr Mahathir, who retires tomorrow after 22 years in office, responded by saying "Thank you very much" before explaining

Malaysia's stand on the matter.

On his feelings on chairing his last Cabinet meeting earlier in the morning, he said: "It is a bit sad. I said goodbye to all of them (Cabinet colleagues). It is the last one, so I suppose it is significant for me and also significant for the others who have been working with me."

He said he advised the ministers to give his successor, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi,

all the support they had shown him.

"I hope they will work with the new leadership so that we can progress further."

On whether he would miss taking out his notebook to jot down things that needed attention, he said: "I think it is a custom that has been passed on to the others. So they all have their own notebooks now and I am quite sure it will be useful for them."