

**Dr Mahathir hits out at allegations that he interfered with judiciary**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has blasted allegations that he "cowed" the judiciary during his tenure as prime minister, calling such accusations "fitnah" (slander).

"I will not sue them because it's a worthless exercise, but it is expected of these people," he said, referring to allegations made by former chief justice Tun Mohamed Dzaiddin and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz, who is the de facto Law Minister.

Speaking at a press conference in Perkim here Monday, he also said he was prepared to swear on the Quran that he did not interfere with the judiciary.

"People make these kind of allegations and I get the blame," he said.

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