

**Court cases should not be A-G's personal wish, says Dr Mahathir**  
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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that each case brought to court should meet certain criteria, and not be according to the "personal wish" of the attorney-general (A-G).

He said the A-G's sole powers of prosecution could ensure that a crime was hidden, regardless of the evidence.

"What is most necessary is to define, to give the case certain criteria on whether it should go to the courts or not. And if the criteria are ticked off as being there, then the case should go to the courts.

"Not just the personal wish of the A-G. But in Malaysia, of course, it is the personal wish of the A-G. If the A-G decides it should go to court, it should go.

"If he feels it is a horrendous crime, involves billions of ringgit, but involves someone above him, and he decides, 'No, I won't take it to court', there's nothing we can do," said Dr Mahathir in his speech at the Malaysia's War on Corruption Symposium 2015 in Kuala Lumpur.

He suggested that laws be amended to ensure that the A-G could not drop or withdraw a charge if the case meets certain, predetermined criteria.

Mahathir added this would not require amending the Federal Constitution.

"If you don't have proper criteria, and you leave it to the personal inclination of the A-G, you are going to have injustice, and corruption will not be eradicated," he said.  
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