

Women Judges

(1) It was a grand day for women's rights activists Thursday, when Malaysia's first female judges were appointed in Kuala Lumpur and the administrative capital of Putrajaya.

(2) Since over two-thirds of Malaysia's population is Muslim, it was a revolutionary step into the future.

(3) This will help provoke an equal judicial system, as it was said to favor men in the past.

(4) Suraya Ramil and Rafidah Abdul Razak had been appointed to their posts as Shariah court judges in May.

(5) However, it had only been officially announced by the Prime Minister in the past week, a whopping 2 months later.

(6) The Prime Minister hopes this move will enhance justice in cases involving families and women's rights.

(7) Women had previously made endless complaints of discrimination in cases dealing with inheritance, divorce, child custody rights, and polygamy.

(8) They also deal with disputes with Islamic courts that handle matters involving family and morality for Malaysian Muslims.

語注

(3) provoke 引き起こす judicial system 司法制度

(4) Shariah シャリーア; イスラム法

(5) whopping = very large

(6) case 訴訟、裁判

(7) inheritance 相続 polygamy 一夫多妻制