

Difference Relating to Immunity from Legal Process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (I.C.J. Advisory Opinion 1999)

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The U.N. Special Rapporteur made comments in a magazine interview concerning alleged favoritism in Malaysian courts.

Companies and lawyers filed suit against him for alleged defamation.

The U.N. Secretary General said the remarks were made as part of the rapporteur's U.N. responsibilities. And were therefore immune under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (which Malaysia had ratified).