

# Why exam leak pupils will gain nothing...

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## DR M: 'WE HAVE WAYS TO CHECK'

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ANY MCE/SPM student who thinks he benefited yesterday from the leaked Bahasa Malaysia papers is in for a shock. Education Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed confirmed today that there had been a leak and added: "We have ways to find out who cheated."

He said he had ordered an "expert investigation" — and depending on the results of the investigation, appropriate action would be taken. He rejected a suggestion that the papers be withdrawn. "It's too late for that," he said.

"But when the papers are marked, and we find that everybody is suddenly fluent in the national language, we will know that something must be wrong.

"If that happens then I suppose we will have to raise standards of marking."

Asked whether that would be fair to those who did not cheat, he replied the Ministry had certain well-tryed methods for this kind of situation.

The real standards of schools, for instance, could be gauged reliably with the help of records of past performance.

Records were available school by school, area by area.

### Cyclostyled

Dr. Mahathir said that

the leak could have occurred anywhere along the line from Britain to examination centres in this country.

The leak of Paper One and Paper Two for the Bahasa exam came to light yesterday when some students showed their teachers cyclostyled versions of the official papers in schools in Perak, Penang and Kuala Lumpur. The MCE/SPM exams began yesterday.

An invigilator at an examination centre in Kuala Lumpur said that 20 minutes before the Paper Two exam, some students asked her for the answer to certain questions.

She added that she was shocked to find later that the questions were in the paper.