

Panel set

up to

help

plan

Islamic

S. T. 22 NOV 1974

studies

KUALA LUMPUR,
Thurs. — An advisory council on Islamic education has been formed to advise the Education Ministry on religious studies in the country.

Announcing this at a meeting between officials of the Education Ministry and State Governments here today, Education Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said the council will study and make recommendations for more effective implementation of Islamic studies in schools.

The meeting was convened to study the proposals to hand over the administration of religious education in primary schools to the Ministry. It is chaired by the Director - General of Agriculture, Tan Sri Haji Mohamed bin Jamal.

The council will consist of intellectuals in the religious and educational fields.

"The handing over of religious education administration to the Education Ministry will solve problems facing the Ministry and the State Governments," Dr. Mahathir said.

He said one of the main problems will be the position of the primary school religious teachers employed by a particular State based on religious qualifications recognised by that State.

These teachers were posted in accordance with the allocations laid down by the Ministry.

"Another problem is the training of religious teachers for primary schools," Dr. Mahathir said.