

# Mahathir raps the DAP for its critical views on education

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**KUALA LUMPUR,**  
Thurs. — Education Minister, **Dr. Mahathir Mohamed,** took the DAP to task today for its critical views of the Government's education policy.

Referring to the DAP's suggestion that the government hold a referendum on Chinese education he said such a referendum could only perpetuate trouble and chaos among the major races in this country.

"The Government cannot accept the DAP's proposals as they are not conducive to national interests."

He added it was not

necessary for the Government to hold a referendum as the DAP had just been voted out in the recent general election.

"I hope the DAP will realise that their concept of education is contrary to the aspirations of the people.

## Bahasa policy

Dr. Mahathir warned the DAP that the people would react unfavourably to any unreasonable demand from the party.

On the proposal that the Government increase the intake of students to universities, he said this was not necessary as local universities were sufficient to absorb the demand.

In reply to points raised during the debate on the Budget he said his Ministry was constantly giving attention to the need to promote religious education in schools.

He also criticised the suggestion that the Ministry introduce a three-language system of education.

"I should like to make it clear that Bahasa Malaysia is the national language of this country and the Ministry of Education is determined to pursue this objective," he added.