

# A CANE TO SCARE ANY ROGUE IN SCHOOL

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School-children can be glad they never had the feel of this cane, Education Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said yesterday.

In the old days teachers used only a ruler or a rattan cane, he added.

Dr. Mahathir said this in a light moment to Wanita Umno leader, Puan Hajjah Aishah Ghani, and her delegation who called at his office in Kuala Lumpur to submit a memorandum on the implementation of

the National Education Policy.

The delegation had asked him to consider re-introducing the cane in schools.

Dr. Mahathir said: "There is a standing regulation that only headmasters or authorised teachers can cane their students.

"But thorough investigation on the student's offence must first be carried out."

He then took out this Scottish cane from his desk drawer and recalled the days when schoolchildren had only to contend with lesser punishment.



Dr. Mahathir and the Scottish strap.