

MAHATHIR CHIDES PARENTS WHO DON'T CARE

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MALACCA, Fri. —
Education Minister
Dr. Mahathir Mohamed
criticised last night pa-
rents who hand over
the responsibility of
guiding their children
to teachers.

"This is a wrong atti-
tude to take and such
parents should change
their way of thinking,"
he said.

Although teachers
played an important
part in guiding the
children, parents should
not shirk the responsi-
bility, he told members
of the Batu Berendam
and Batu Malacca Umno
branches here.

He said \$1,200 million
had been allocated to
his Ministry this year
but about \$4,000 mil-
lion was actually need-
ed.

Because of this, his
Ministry had to plan
properly and spread its
allocation to benefit as
many children and
schools as possible.

He said Malaysia had
achieved a very high
standard of education
— higher than some
South-East Asian coun-
tries.

An Indonesian Mini-
ster on a visit here re-
cently had remarked
that Malaysian secon-
dary schools were well
equipped and compar-
able with Indonesian
university, he said.