

**Mahathir  
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Tighten  
up  
discipline**

**KUALA LUMPUR,**  
Mon. — School heads and their assistants were urged to tighten up discipline in schools so that students are not misled by subversive elements.

Education Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad made the call at the opening of a State Education Directors Conference at the Examination Syndicate Building here this morning.

He said visitors who come into contact with students should be carefully screened to prevent undesirable "indoctrination".

"There had been past cases of students exploited by subversive groups and this has caused hardship for the students themselves as well as their parents."

He said a directive on this matter had been sent out and expressed hope that all headmasters will follow the rulings.

Dr. Mahathir said all national type English primary schools would now be known as national primary schools as the medium of instruction has been switched from English to Bahasa Malaysia.

He called on education directors and teachers to explain to parents that teaching standards in national primary schools and former national type English primary schools are similar.

"Many parents go to unnecessary lengths to enrol their children in former national type English primary schools with the false idea that teaching standards are better there."

Dr. Mahathir called on the education directors to maintain cordial relations with teachers' associations and their officials.