



DR. MAHATHIR
"double your
efforts"

Teachers told: Don't let standard of English suffer

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KUALA LUMPUR,
Tues. — The stan-
dard of English in
schools must not suf-

fer with the switch
to Bahasa Malaysia
as the medium of in-
struction, Education
Minister Dr. Maha-

thir Mohamed said
today.

Teachers would have
to double their efforts
to maintain proficiency,
he said at the prize-
giving ceremony of the
Methodist Boy's Primary
School here.

Next year all lessons
in Form One will be
taught in Bahasa Ma-
laysia. English will only
be taught as a subject.

Great asset

Dr. Mahathir said tea-
chers must not belittle
the importance of the
English language,
though it would even-
tually be just a subject
at all levels of education
in the country.

"Proficiency in Eng-
lish will not only be a
great asset to them but
will also enable them to
be accessible to the wide
realm of knowledge

available in the lan-
guage," he said.

"We do not want our
pupils in future to be
less proficient in Eng-
lish."

Dr. Mahathir empha-
sised the importance of
reading to improve their
English.