

BEWARE THE HATE DRIVE IN CLASS

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**Dr. Mahathir:
Radicals
using Islam
for own ends**

PORT KLANG, Thurs. — Certain radicals are employing the teachings of Islam in schools to create hatred towards the Government and several political leaders, Education Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Such teachings which are contrary to Islam are being fed to students, he added.

"These so called teachings will not only mislead the students but also poison their minds," he said.

Such radicals who pretend that they know a great deal about the religion, are using the teachings for their own interests, he said.

Dr. Mahathir said he had instructed State Education Directors to stop such activities.

He said school headmasters and community leaders were needed to help in taking similar action.

He was speaking at the official opening of a \$105,000 extension to the Sekolah Kebangsaan Pulau Lumut this morning.

He warned that if such activities were not immediately stopped, the unity and economic development of the Muslim community would never be achieved.

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Dr. Mahathir said that action taken to stop such misguided religious activities was certainly not aimed at weakening the teaching of Islam in schools but to ensure that the children were given proper teaching.

He said the Ministry had given instructions to schools to employ only teachers recognised by the Religious Department or State Education Departments to lecture or conduct religious classes.