

# MAHATHIR: RAISE CAIN!

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EDUCATION Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed today spoke of the reluctance of teachers to use the cane on pupils breaking the rules for fear of their parents' reactions.

He said it was unfortunate that the teachers did not use the cane to discipline the students even though the Ministry had set certain guidelines regarding its use.

"The rules concerning caning were made to ensure that the students are not caned according to the whims and fancies of the teacher or during fits of anger," he said.

But if caning is done within the rules, parents would not get angry and the Ministry would stand solidly behind the teacher.

He was speaking at the opening of an Administration and Modern Management course for secondary school headmasters at the Specialists Teachers Training Institute this morning.

## MANY COMPLAINTS

He said there had been many complaints about discipline in school and every effort should be made to ensure proper discipline.

The Minister also spoke of the objectives of education. Several changes had been made, he said, following the rapid development of science, technology and social changes.

"This course would provide a good opportunity for headmasters to study administration techniques and school management which would be beneficial to their

work."

He said a headmaster can delegate certain administrative duties but he cannot escape from his own responsibility towards the school.

A headmaster's role in the school is an important one, and he should know the good and effective techniques regarding administration.

Able leadership by a headmaster is vital to obtain the full co-operation of staff and pupils.

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