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ALOR STAR, JAN. 30 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY PROVIDE BUILDINGS FOR SCHOOLS AND IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TEACHERS TO CREATE A CONDUCIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE PUPILS TO STUDY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THEY SHOULD ALSO INSTILL IN THE PUPILS THE LOVE FOR THE NATION, PEOPLE AND RELIGION, HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE EXTENSION TO THE SEKOLAH RENDAH KEBANGSAAN KEPALA PATAS, EIGHT MILES FROM HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID PARENTS AND TEACHERS SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERATION FOR THE CHILDREN SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE FED UP WITH SCHOOLS AND PLAY TRUANT.

HE SAID THAT THERE WERE TEACHERS WHO DID NOT SYMPATHISE WITH THEIR PUPILS, ESPECIALLY THE WEAK ONES, AND DID NOT BOTHER WITH THOSE WHO WERE BACKWARD.

THERE WERE ALSO SOME TEACHERS WHO PUT TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON THE PUPILS JUST BECAUSE THEY WANTED THEM TO PASS EXAMINATIONS.

TOO MUCH HOMEWORK AND THE PUNISHMENT OF PUPILS WHO DID NOT COMPLETE IT MIGHT CAUSE THEM TO THINK LOWLY OF THEMSELVES, FEEL ASHAMED TO FACE FRIENDS AND TEACHERS AND TO GET FED UP WITH SCHOOLS, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA 1/30/78