

MAHATHIR - RELIGION
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KANGAR, DEC. 1 (BERNAMA)—THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BAN RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS THAT ARE AIMED AT MISLEADING THE PEOPLE, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY.

IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE SUBSCRIBED TO TRUE RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING TO THE PEOPLE OF SUNGAI PADANG, SOUTH PERLIS, ABOUT 10 MILES FROM HERE. HE SAW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUND TO PREVENT EROSION BY THE SEA, UNDERTAKEN BY THE MUDA AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MADA).

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ASKED THE PEOPLE TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GROUPS THAT SPREAD FALSE TEACHINGS AND USED RELIGION FOR SELF-INTERESTS.

MADA GENERAL MANAGER DATUK SYED AHMAD ALMAHDALI SAID THE BUND PROJECT COSTING \$4 MILLION WAS FINANCED BY THE WORLD BANK. THE 3.7 MILE LONG BUND WAS BEING BUILT IN STAGES. —BERNAMA