

# Doctor M: AIDS a scourge from heaven

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THE good doctor in Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yielded to divine revelation to describe the deadly AIDS disease as a modern version of the destruction of Sodom.

Relating the biblical damnation of Sodom and Gomorrah, the physician compared the helplessness of modern medicine against the disease, which is almost exclusive to homosexuals, to the heavenly scourge at the time of the Prophet Lot.

AIDS or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, Dr Mahathir explained, crippled the body's immune system to lay it bare to all forms of infection.

It was God's wrath upon the Sodomites transposed to the gay world of New York, he said.

## Forbidden act

The disease has spread in proportion to homosexual promiscuity, he said. Perhaps discrete in some Near Eastern countries where an attraction for young boys is an old and open secret but highly visible in homo-activist America.

"Islamic countries should not

have the disease at all, but they do," he said. "It is God's retribution," he said, to an unnatural and forbidden act.

The Prime Minister — Dr Umno — seemed to tell his audience, the 36th Umno general assembly, that the facetious attitudes on the one side and the pious rejection on the other to sexuality in current Malay society were the result of ignorance or indulgence.

## Physical contact

He referred to an instance of how warped conceptions of chastity can revile even the most innocent physical contact between the sexes.

"There is nothing wrong with doctors touching patients," he said. Morality, he expounded in a joke, was in the will:

"A French tourist was taken on top of a tall building by a New York tour guide.

"The tourist said: 'All these tall buildings remind me of beautiful women.'

"Why do they, asked the guide.

"Well, everything reminds me of beautiful women, said the Frenchman."