

# Dr M: No compromise on our tough anti-dadah laws

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — The tough anti-dadah laws of this country do not respect nationalities or status, the Prime Minister said today.

He warned that all offenders, be they Malaysians or foreigners, would have to face the wrath of the law and there would be no compromise on this.

"There will be no compromise for those who are slowly killing our people. Dadah pushers are inhuman killers and cruel murderers," Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

"Those who are interested in becoming pushers should re-

member that their lives will end at the gallows and the property accrued from their crimes will be confiscated," he added when opening a two-day national seminar on *The role of Parents in Dadah Prevention* at the Putra World Trade Centre.

The seminar, organised by Bakti, the welfare body of wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers, was attended by about 300 people.

Dr Mahathir said the Government decided on stern measures against dadah offenders in realisation of the fact that dadah weakened the capability and resilience of society.

He noted that the da-

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dah problem is now serious as most of those involved in its abuse are below 30 years of age, the generation on whom the nation depends for its future.

"We must realise that measures being taken now against dadah abuse is to save the younger generation and to create a dignified and respected society," he said.

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The Prime Minister said he was aware that efforts to prevent the younger generation from indulging in dadah abuse were not easy. Therefore, the fight against dadah abuse should be a joint and collective responsi-

lity between Government and all levels of society.

Dr Mahathir also urged parents to instil religious and Eastern values as well as to check on the activities of their children as he felt that dadah addiction in Western society was linked to moral decline and non-acceptance of religion.

The Prime Minister said the dadah problem among youth was the result of greater freedom, exposure to foreign cultures and lack of disciplinary checks by their parents.

"The responsibility of training and teaching our children discipline begins at home. They must be taught from small that dadah is taboo and must not be taken.

"If this can be ingrained in them from young, part of the fight against dadah abuse would succeed," he said.

Dr Mahathir also urged parents to control the movements of their children to ensure that they did not mix with the wrong company.

Children, he said, must be home at specified times.