

# Meeting called off because of false teachings

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ALOR STAR, Fri. — A scheduled meeting to help end the Iran-Iraq war had to be called off because of false religious teachings and beliefs, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister, who sits in the peace committee which was to have met in Teheran on Sunday, said:

"I was informed last night that the planned meeting had to be postponed." The meeting was called by the Organisation of Islamic Countries.

Dr Mahathir said they were supposed to try and bring peace to the two warring Muslim nations but the imposition of certain conditions have jeopardised the plan.

"False religious teachings and beliefs have resulted in the conditions being imposed, making the meeting not meaningful," he said at the opening of the West Malaysia Religious Teachers annual general meeting at Bangunan Tunku here.

The Prime Minister was to have flown to Jeddah tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir said: "Although we know that Muslims should not be at war and kill each other or condemn one another, certain national leaders openly do so.

"They believe in such evils although Islam forbids them. And there are also people who believe in these leaders, resulting in disunity among Muslims," he said, adding that such things were also happening in this country.