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KUALA TERENGGANU, OCT 3 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR
MOHAMAD SAID TODAY EVERY SCHOOL NEED TO SET UP A CORPS TO PROTECT
STUDENTS FROM FALLING INTO THE DADAH TRAP.

STUDENTS COULD COOPERATE BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR
FRIENDS INVOLVED IN DRUGS TO THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, THE PRIME
MINISTER SAID.

OPENING SEKOLAH MENENGAH BUKIT TUNGGAL NEAR HERE, HE SAID
SCHOOLS SHOULD REGARD THIS AS A WAY TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE AMONG THE
STUDENTS.

HE SAID THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THE DADAH
PROBLEM BY PROVIDING SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO STUDENTS ON THE EVILS
OF DRUG ABUSE.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO ARRIVED HERE FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT TO
TERENGGANU, SAID THAT DRUG ADDICTS WERE REGARDED AS ZOMBIES WHO WERE
USELESS TO THE COMMUNITY AND RELIGION.

HE REMINDED STUDENTS NOT TO EVER TRY TAKING DRUGS AS THESE WERE
ADDICTIVE AND THE HABIT WOULD CAUSE THEM TO COMMIT VARIOUS OFFENCES,
INCLUDING THEFT, TO GET MONEY TO BUY THE DADAH. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT POSSIBLY THE TASK OF FIGHTING
DADAH ABUSE AMONG STUDENTS MIGHT BURDEN TEACHERS AND OTHERS BUT THIS
WAS SOMETHING THEY HAD TO BEAR.

HE ALSO URGED PARENTS TO OBSERVE THE MOVEMENTS OF THEIR CHILDREN
AND ENSURED THAT THEY DID NOT PLAY TRUANT AND RETURNED HOME AFTER
SCHOOL TO PREVENT THEM BECOMING VICTIMS OF THE DADAH MENACE.

TO THE TEACHERS, HE SAID THEY SHOULD PLAY A ROLE NOT ONLY IN
IMPARTING KNOWLEDGE BUT ALSO IN PROVIDING GUIDANCE OUTSIDE SCHOOL TO
PREVENT STUDENTS FROM BEING INVOLVED IN UNHEALTHY ACTIVITIES.

THEY SHOULD ALSO PAY ATTENTION TO THE DISCIPLINE OF THE STUDENTS
TO ENSURE THAT THEY WOULD BECOME USEFUL CITIZENS EQUIPPED WITH
KNOWLEDGE AND NOBLE VALUES AND WHO COULD BECOME A COMMUNITY
RESPECTED BY THE WORLD.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO ADVISED PARENTS NOT TO BE UPSET WITH
SCHOOL AUTHORITIES IF THEIR CHILDREN WERE GIVEN CHORES IN CLEANING
UP THE SCHOOL COMPOUND AND CLASSES.

HE SAID THIS WAS AN EFFORT TO INSTILL IN THE STUDENTS THE SPIRIT
OF LOOKING AFTER THE CLEANLINESS OF THEIR SCHOOLS. -- MORE
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PRESENT WERE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, MENTERI
BESAR DATUK SERI HAJI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD, MINISTER IN THE PRIME
MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR YUSOF NOR, STATE SECRETARY DATUK
SETIA WANGSA HAJI ABDUL RAHMAN NASIR AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AND HEADS
OF DEPARTMENT.

TONIGHT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WILL HAVE A MEETING WITH THE
STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE MENTERI BESAR.

TOMORROW, HE WILL OPEN SEKOLAH MENENGAH AJIL, HULU TERENGGANU,
AND LATER VISIT PULAU PERHENTIAN NEAR BESUT. HE WILL HAVE AN
AUDIENCE WITH THE SULTAN ON MONDAY BEFORE RETURNING TO KUALA LUMPUR.

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