

# More family-oriented shows, TV men urged

KAJANG, Tues. — Television stations should screen more family-oriented programmes instead of violent shows, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister felt that there were too many shows with violent and sex scenes on television these days.

He said violent shows would have a bad influence on children and should be replaced by programmes with family or development themes.

"It will be better to

show family dramas, series on development and other such shows," Dr Mahathir told newsmen at the open day at Country Heights estate.

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He urged Malaysians to use television to gain knowledge and reject programmes which were not beneficial.

In a personal New Year message, Dr Mahathir hoped Malaysians would live in harmony, work hard, be

disciplined and place the national interest above self to face the challenges ahead.

Asked for his thoughts for 1991, he said everyone, including himself, wanted a better life, development and good things for the new year.

"The Government will work for it but the *rakyat* must help the Government achieve them."

On the Cheras toll issue, he did not want to predict the outcome of the matter.

"If we don't know it

now, we will not be disappointed when the announcement is made," he said, adding that the Government did not simply make promises that it cannot fulfil.

Dr Mahathir attended the celebrations with his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, and some friends from the United States who are celebrating the New Year in Malaysia.

Country Heights is a housing estate with a different concept where people buy the land and build homes of their own design.