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DO NOT IGNORE EFFORTS OF WOMEN, SAYS PM

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KUALA TERENGGANU, Sept 9⁹³ (Bernama) --- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed said the Muslim society needs the efforts of all, including women, to face present and future challenges.

He said of the about 1,000 million Muslims in the world, 500 million were women.

"If we exclude the women, we will lose 50 per cent of our manpower and this makes our efforts to compete with others less effective," he said at a meeting with staff and students of Kolej Agama Sultan Zainal Abidin (KUSZA) here today.

Dr Mahathir is on a two-day visit to the state.

He said the other communities were using all their resources to compete with the Muslims.

"The possibility that we may fail is great if we exclude women from our mainstream activities," he said.

About 1,000 people attended the meeting.--more

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The Prime Minister said women were as capable as men in most fields and their contributions would make the society stronger.

"We agree that they have certain roles to play, but in addition they also have the knowledge which could be used to improve the Muslim society," he said.

He urged students to struggle for excellence in their studies and tasks given to them.

Dr Mahathir said they should not easily be satisfied with their success but to work harder for higher achievements.

Present at the meeting were Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad and Public Enterprises Minister Datuk Dr Yusof Nor, who is chairman of Kusza council.--Bernama

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