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YOUTHS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE TEACHINGS OF ALL RELIGIONS

MELAKA, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has said that youths, as leaders of tomorrow, should have proper understanding of the teachings of all religions.

The Prime Minister said this was vital so that they would be better equipped to practise cultural tolerance and promote world peace.

In his message in a souvenir programme of a religious and cultural tolerance seminar held here today, the Prime Minister said the youths of today must take it upon themselves to be the messiahs of religious harmony and tolerance.

"This seminar is not only timely but appropriate given the current ethnic strife, atrocities and bloodshed in the world today," he said.

He said the seminar would certainly help refocus world attention on the need to promote and enhance religious tolerance while strengthening the youths' resolve to overcome this persistent problem globally. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said it was unfortunate that these principles were not practised as preached although all religions preached love, tolerance, understanding and brotherhood.

As a result, innocent people, women and children in many parts of the world were killed by the thousands everyday.

"Ethnic strife only brings hardship, resulting in political instability and the retardation of economic and social development," he said.

The two-day seminar, aimed at providing a venue and forum to assess and evaluate the current situation on religious and cultural tolerance and the threat to global peace, is organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), Asian Youth Council and Malaysian Youth Council. -- Bernama

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