

PM: Help build the na

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ALOR STAR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged teachers not to allow "personal problems" such as salary scales or the New Remuneration System to affect their profession.

He said they must leave such problems aside and work together with the Government towards an aim which was more important — the building of the nation.

"Everybody has problems

but it must not affect our efforts to develop the nation and turn Malaysians into one race respected by everyone," he said when launching national Teachers Day celebrations at the Wisma Darul Aman here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said that when the Government wanted to implement anything for the nation, it would undertake various studies, discussions and seminars to ensure its

success.

"We aim for perfection but we are all human beings ... there may be some faults here and there but they can be corrected," he said.

He said feelings of dissatisfaction must not be allowed to set in as it could result in one forgetting one's main function or duties.

"We have a responsibility to the nation, race and our religion," he added.

Dr Mahathir said teachers must understand this and realise that what was most important was to work for the betterment of the nation.

"This is something that must also inculcate in our children so that they be able to carry on the

He said the introduction of new curricula to the teaching profession was not "to take them further" but an effort to enable students to