

Wrong not
to act **27 JUL 1994**

against.

Arqam, says

Mahathir 

KUALA LUMPUR: It will be wrong for the Government to shirk its responsibilities in not taking action against Al Arqam when the movement is deviating from Islamic teachings, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

However, before action could be taken, it was important to first explain to the people how the movement had deviated.

"We can ban it but we are not going to arrest people for no reason if they are ignorant," he said after launching the Veterinary Services Department centenary celebrations here.

"It is the responsibilities of the Government and the media to explain to the people how Al Arqam has deviated before any action can be taken.

"If we do not explain, how can we blame the people for following the teachings of the movement?" he said.

He said the proposed religious ruling on the movement by the National Religious Council should be based on Islamic stand on teachings like Al Arqam.