

# Dr M: Pas brainwashing children

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — The Government will counter Pas efforts to poison the minds of children to hate the Government and its leaders at its kindergartens.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government had to make this known to the people as it was concerned with the future of the younger generation.

"Pas is propagating teachings against Islamic teachings for its own interests," he said after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting today.

He said Pas had instilled hatred in the Government and certain leaders among the children by asking them to do things like stepping on their pictures.

"We have to inform the people of what PAS is doing. We'll try to correct these wrong teachings through the normal course of actions," he added.

Dr Mahathir said if the Barisan Nasional Govern-

ment were to play the same tune as Pas, the impact would be greater.

"But we do not want to do this as it is against the teachings of Islam."

Dr Mahathir said the supreme council had discussed at length the problems of youths in the country, especially their involvement in unhealthy activities.

He said the views to check such activities expressed by several members would be taken into consideration by the Government.

"The co-operation of all parties, including State Government and agencies is needed to tackle the problem and to implement the *Rakan Muda* programme," he added.

Asked on the latest development in Bosnia-Herzegovina where Serb terrorists had captured the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica — which was under United Nations (UN) protection, Dr Mahathir said he was disgusted with the handling of

issue by the world body.

He said the UN and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato) had allowed the Serb terrorists to commit human rights violations.

He reiterated Malaysia's position that the UN should withdraw its forces from Bosnia if the world body was powerless to stop the fighting, and lift the arms embargo to allow the country to defend itself.

The developed countries have no right to champion human rights issues and call on other nations to follow them if they could not stop the killings in Bosnia.

He said Malaysia's request to provide additional arm and increase its troops in Bosnia had been denied by the UN.

On the contrary, the deployment of a UN Rapid Reaction Force (RRF) comprising troops from European countries was allowed.

"But they (RRF) are not that rapid and there is no reaction," he said.