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ALL PARTIES MUST HELP FIGHT SOCIAL ILLS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 4 (Bernama) -- The Umno supreme council tonight called on all parties to come forward and help fight the social problems that are escalating among the youth.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the council had identified certain parties that could help overcome the problem.

Parents must play a stricter role as heads of the family, he told a news conference after a three-hour council meeting.

"Teachers are also tasked with inculcating students with appropriate values," he said.

The government and mass media also have a responsibility in producing a society with strong fortification, he said.

The prime minister said that besides political leaders, community leaders must also show a good example in efforts to counter the social ills. This was because Umno took a serious view of the social problems in the country and felt that everyone should pitch in to overcome them.

The Umno Religious Bureau, at a special meeting at Pusat Islam here last week, had declared the social problems among the youth as a state of emergency.

Dr Mahathir, as Barisan Nasional chairman, recently said BN would hold a special meeting soon to discuss steps to overcome the problems. --

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