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CHECK MORAL DECADENCE FROM THE BEGINNING, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA TERENGGANU, Oct 5 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister says moral decadence in the society especially among the youngsters should be checked at an early stage.

History has proven that even a country that is strong and powerful will eventually collapse if its leaders are weak characters, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He said this in a souvenir programme in conjunction with the 40th national-level quran reciting competition which will be held at the Sultan Ismail Nasiruddin Shah Stadium here. The five-day event will be opened by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim tomorrow night.

Dr Mahathir said the Quran is full of good values and every Muslim should take the effort to master the holy book.

"With this it is hoped that Muslims in this country will be able to safeguard their character in their pursuit of development and in achieving the objectives of Vision 2020," he added. -- BERNAMA

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