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DAP SUPPORTS PM'S CALL ON UNNECESSARY HANDCUFF ON SCHOOLCHILDREN

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- The DAP fully agrees with the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that it is unnecessary to handcuff schoolchildren.

The party's publicity secretary, Wee Choo Keong, said in a statement today that the police should instead be sensitive enough when dealing with schoolchildren and their welfare and their future must be given utmost consideration.

He said that the authorities, especially the police, should be aware that the government and society treat young children as a special category.

Wee, who is also DAP deputy chairman, said the police must realise that these young children can be foolish at times and they must not be made to feel that since they were arrested by the people, they are therefore criminals and society will shun them.

He said that these young children must be looked upon by all sectors of society as leaders of tomorrow.

The DAP also hoped that the police would refrain from handcuffing people the moment they were arrested or to be charged in court unless the authority was satisfied that the person concerned was a dangerous person or charged with a serious offence, he said.

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