

# Net abuse check won't slow IT growth

KOTA KINABALU: Malaysia's advancements in information technology (IT) will be impeded if no action is taken against those who abuse the Internet, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

The Government's action against those who misuse IT was aimed at ensuring that the technology would grow further in Malaysia, the Prime Minister told a press conference at

the end of a three-day visit to Labuan and Sabah.

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He was asked about the views of some academicians and groups that the recent arrest of three people for misusing the Internet could impede the growth of IT in Malaysia.

Last week, police detained two men and a woman under the Internal Security Act for allegedly spreading

rumours of riots in Kuala Lumpur's Chow Kit area.

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On Friday, a 20-year-old student was detained under the Criminal Procedure Code in Penang for allegedly distributing poison pen letters through the Internet.

The detention of the student who was suspected of distributing the poison pen letters was unrelated to the Chow Kit rumours.