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SYLLABUS FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES TO BE REVISED

JITRA, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- The syllabus for Islamic Studies in primary and secondary schools will be revised covering various aspects to strengthen its impact, said Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said the existing syllabus did not emphasise the practical aspect and appreciation of Islamic religion as a whole although in certain aspects, there were more emphasis laid.

The revision would take into consideration the views of parents, teachers and religious figures as well as other relevant parties and expected to be ready within a few months, he told reporters after the ceremony to lay the foundation stone for the Centre of Knowledge at Kampung Pulau Pisang, Tunjang here. The ceremony was performed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

"The Prime Minister also gave his views and guidance on the matter so that it would be more effective," he said.

When opening Sekolah Kebangsaan Bandar Darul Aman here, Dr Mahathir said there were parents who did not want their children to attend Islamic Religious classes as they felt there were teachers who did not follow the syllabus but concentrated more on other things such as inciting hatred against certain people and the government.

"This is not in line with the teachings of Islam. The teachers were totally not interested to teach religious subject but took the opportunity to instil hatred against the government which does nothing to the young children except to look after their interest," he added.

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