

# Take steps to ensure there's no wrong teaching, PM tells the ulama <sup>30</sup>

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JITRA, Wed: Islamic religious leaders or ulama were urged by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today to ensure that there is no wrong teaching of Islam.

They should advise those who practise deviant teachings, he said.

"There are people in this country who claim that those who support Umno are not Muslims, so they will 'cleanse' a mosque before it is used by other Muslims," he said.

Speaking to the people before breaking fast with them at Hosba mosque in Kampung Bukit this evening, Mahathir said there are also places where the local people will not accept an imam appointed by the government.

Such actions will divide Muslims and create hatred among them and this will lead to a weaker people who can be easily manipulated.

"I want to urge all Muslims in the country to perform their religious duties according to the teachings of Islam ... all Muslims are brothers, not just in one nation but all over the world," he said.

Earlier, Mahathir met with some 60 ulama and Islamic religious leaders

from five southern regions in Thailand, who broke fast with the local people at the mosque.

Their visit, the prime minister said, shows the good relationship between Malaysia and Thailand, and that Malaysia is willing to help its

Muslim brothers in Thailand.

He said the assistance will be in the form of bringing in Thai Muslim children to receive education in selected fields in Malaysia. "We will help in any way that we can, but this is not interference

from our <sup>technology</sup>   
After the breaking of some 20 children received donations from Bakti for their education. The money, totalling RM7,100, was handed over by Bakti chairman Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.