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Cabinet to meet on youth problems

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PUTRAJAYA, Wed: The cabinet will convene a special meeting on Aug 8 to discuss the involvement of youths in undesirable activities, including the Black Metal cult.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that the meeting will involve only cabinet ministers. It will try to find out why youths appear to be easily diverted from their studies and getting involved in very unproductive activities.

"The cabinet discussed the matter today and decided to call a special session."

Last week, National Unity and Social Development Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman presented a report to the cabinet on the Black Metal cult, whose followers are anti-religion and take part in satanic rituals.

Many students, some from religious schools, are involved in the activities.

The prime minister and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi briefly went through the report last week and asked Siti Zaharah to update details and present it to the cabinet today.

The Home Ministry and the police have been told to act immediately on Black Metal groups by Abdullah, who is home minister.