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Cabinet meeting on youths postponed

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The special Cabinet meeting to discuss problems and issues plaguing youths has been postponed, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said although the meeting scheduled to be held today had been postponed, the Cabinet would continue discussing the matter during its weekly meetings.

"We will closely follow the developments and if the need arises, then we will hold the special meeting," Dr Mahathir said.

Speaking at a Press conference after briefing Umno members on plans to introduce university admission based on merit, Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said the Government was very concerned about the social ills in the country.

Touching specifically on the widespread sale and distribution of pornographic materials, the Prime Minister said the Cabinet had banned the open sale of videos and video compact discs.

"When I first mentioned this menace at a dialogue, I thought it was a small matter but now we have discovered that practically everyone selling VCDs, besides pirated ones, are also peddling pornographic videos.

"Because of this, we have decided that there must not be any sale of such materials in the open.

"The business must be located in proper premises and licensed, with inspections to be carried out every now and then," Dr Mahathir stressed.

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