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Punishment must befit the crime to cure societal ills

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OF late, we are encountering a myriad of evil and sickening behaviour flaws among Malaysians.

It spans the whole spectrum of society - young and old, children and technocrats, politicians and even vagrants.

The well-educated and well to do have stooped to a level where the less fortunate and ignorant have fallen.

People in authority have singled out that culpability lies with parents, their offspring, religious extremism, naive political understanding, the Internet, in fact every and anything on which one can put a label.

Today, black metal is on everybody's lips. It has become fashionable to jump on the bandwagon whenever an issue arises.

People are being hacked to death like it's going out of style. Rapes are almost a daily affair.

Bullying and beatings in schools are dealt with quite serenely.

Known drug addicts having their shots and highs in familiar haunts under the watchful eyes of anti-drug units.

At long last, a step in the right direction was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Malays can just about forget their birthright and compete on a level playing field if they want to score goals. They cannot keep playing on carpet grass.

To be rid of these various malignant diseases that seem to breed so virulently, the punishment must befit the crime.

Policies must be formulated and each and everyone of us must abide by them.

The bottomline must be the punishment must fit the crime, public whipping if needs be, notwithstanding who one may be in society's strata.