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WEAKNESSES IN EDUCATION SYSTEM MUST BE RECTIFIED, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, April 16 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council was today briefed on the country's education system "which has not been as successful as hoped for", said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"There are weaknesses in the system which have to be rectified. The government will study the problems because things have happened to the extent many do not understand the agenda of the education system in this country," said the Prime Minister.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, told reporters this after chairing the council's meeting.

Asked what he meant by weaknesses in the system, Dr Mahathir said some people had the wrong impression that national schools emphasised too much on Islamic studies.

This impression had resulted in many non-Malay parents being not keen to send their children to national schools, he said.

Many parents are also not registering the children in national schools because they did not give importance to certain matters that were emphasised in in national-type Chinese schools.

Dr Mahathir said this went against the government's intention of setting up national schools -- to get more non-Malay students to study in such schools.

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