

No more quick profits, says PM

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PORT DICKSON: Future contracts for new computer laboratories in schools will be awarded to pre-fabricated building component suppliers, and not to Class F bumiputra contractors, to ensure that such projects are not delayed.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the new approach was to ensure that future projects were completed on time.

"In this manner, those who do not carry out the jobs themselves will not get anything as

they will no longer have the chance to sell their contracts to others for big profits as is practised now," he said this after witnessing the passing-out parade of new recruits at the Army Basic Training Centre yesterday.

"But this does not mean that these contractors will not get a share in such projects as they will be given the job of putting up the buildings," he said when commenting on a report that 85% of 1,840 projects to build computer

laboratories in schools in the Peninsula had yet to be completed although the Education Ministry extended the deadline three times.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir reminded members of the Armed Forces not to allow personal or political feelings to cloud their judgment when carrying out their patriotic duties.

As professionals they must remember that their first loyalty is to the country and the government of the day.