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Overhaul of education system overdue

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FEW will shed tears if the national education system is overhauled. It will largely be seen as a long overdue exercise against the forces of bigotry and fanaticism.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has voiced his concern (NST, Dec 26) regarding the damage done to the school system. Along the way, we had not realised we had got into something we had not bargained for.

With repeated calls for racial integration there should be no compromise in this matter as we now face a racial divide. It is, under the circumstances, the only viable course of action. There can be no half measures when it comes to racial integration. This culture of division is not going to do the country any good. We should not distance ourselves from the rest.

The authorities should crack down on religious extremists before things get out of hand. The culprits should be hauled up for going against national interests.

The Education Ministry should exercise caution when it comes to appointing people to positions of authority.

Only those who have the interests of the nation at heart, irrespective of race, colour or creed, of right calibre, integrity and honesty should