

# Dr M: Keep at efforts to wipe out piracy, porn

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PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants the police to maintain their efforts to wipe out the scourge of pirated and pornographic VCDs until the problem is eradicated.

The Prime Minister said the effort must be a continuous one.

"The moment you relax, it (the problem) will come back, so the police will be asked to continue with their action all the time," he said when asked to comment on the crackdown.

Police swung into action against pirated and pornographic VCD dealers and operators after Dr Mahathir issued a directive during the Cabinet meeting two weeks ago.

"The public should also help to combat the problem by providing informa-

tion about such activities in their areas," Dr Mahathir, who is also Finance Minister, said after chairing the third session of the Budget 2004 Dialogue at the Finance Ministry here yesterday.

"If information is provided, we will take action," he said, adding that the public had equal responsibility in eradicating the menace.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said although police were successful in their operations, this did not mean that they should let their guard down.

"Enforcement against this scourge has not ended. This social problem is so bad that efforts to destroy this crime must continue," he said after chairing the National Student Consultative Council at his office here.