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DR M: INSTALL SPECIAL SOFTWARE TO BLOCK ACCESS TO PORNO ON INTERNET

MELAKA, May 23 (Bernama) -- Parents should use special anti-pornography software to prevent teenage children from accessing pornographic websites on the Internet, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The former prime minister said the software was available in Malaysia.

The websites were influencing teenagers to commit rapes and violent crimes but many did not want to spend money to buy the software, he told reporters after delivering a keynote address at a International Conference on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Management.

Dr Mahathir said he had proposed to the United Nations to advise countries to take out pornography from the Internet but some disagreed as they viewed the move as intruding into people's freedom.

He said the sale of pornographic video compact discs (VCDs), including in night markets, should be wiped out as it had caused moral decadence among youths to the extent of resorting to violence.

Earlier, in his opening speech, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Ali Rustam said every Malaysian must be ICT-savvy.

In the current borderless world, he said, ICT facilities were becoming increasingly important and that the government was working to provide the required infrastructures.

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