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Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad speaking at a meet-the-people session with Terengganu educators in Kuala Nerus yesterday. PIC BY IMRAN MAKHZAN

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School curriculum to focus on 3 aspects

KUALA NERUS: The government will reshape the school curriculum and focus on three key aspects, which are mastery of true Islamic teachings, English and Science and Technology.

Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the objective of the national education policy was not only about imparting knowledge to children, but also about shaping better characters.

He said as such, the government and educators should pay attention to religious teaching, with emphasis on the positive values espoused by Islam.

“On the issue of religion, many among us can memorise the al-Quran but not everyone understands its content. The al-Quran is the main source of guidance for

Muslims, and only memorising it without understanding its contents will not guide us.

“Today, although we see many Muslims possessing strong faith, such as not missing out on their prayers or fasting, paying their *zakat* and performing the haj, the other teachings in the Quran have yet to be understood and obeyed,” he said.

Dr Mahathir expressed hope that educators would take note of the government’s aim to change the school curriculum to focus on true Islamic teachings, English and Science and Technology.

He was addressing a crowd of 880 people at a meet-the-people session with the state’s educators at the Tabung Haji (TH) Hotel and Convention Centre here.

Present were his wife, Tun Dr

Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Terengganu Menteri Besar Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar and his wife, Tuan Faizah Tuan Ab Rahman, Housing and Local Government Deputy Minister Senator Raja Datuk Kamarul Bahrin Shah Raja Ahmad and state education director Shafruddin Ali Hussin.

Dr Mahathir also called for the issue concerning the mastery of English not to be politicised.

“Mastery of English does not make us less Malay, Indian or Chinese, but enables us to master the knowledge possessed by them (Westerners).

“In addition, knowledge of Science and Technology is mostly in the English language.

“That is why we need to master the language and gain knowledge to progress.”