

Religious Education Syllabus Must Be Reviewed - Dr Mahathir

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JOHOR BA HARU, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has suggested to the government to review the syllabus on religious education to ensure its teaching was not focused merely on worship, but was also filled with good Islamic values.

The former prime minister said this was to ensure every student was imbued with such values, especially the true concept of the Islamic family institution to face current challenges.

"The Islamic Education syllabus must be reviewed as Islamic values are not properly sowed because when students go abroad to further their studies, they are influenced by the Western way of life.

"They are easily influenced if their faith is not strong. In fact, they question us as to why they cannot practise freedom. This is becoming a problem for us. We cannot live as Muslims (in Western countries)," he said.

Dr Mahathir was speaking to reporters after delivering his keynote address at the International Family Conference from the Global Perspective here Thursday.

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