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OUR NATIONAL SCHOOLS SHOULD REMAIN
SCHOOLS FOR ALL

The Education Minister, Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid, was reported in the local media to have said that the government will not allow the national schools to be "too Islamic".

We are indeed heartened by the statement of the Minister, if it is taken to mean that national schools should be kept free from the ideological dominance of any particular religion by virtue of the fact that such schools should be committed to the work of building national integrity and harmony. Such a goal is most necessary in these times as all Malaysians have to collaborate to combat sectarian strife and militant fundamentalism. This would then restore confidence in our national schools and perhaps see the return of many children who have fled to private or international schools for want of a better choice.

We reiterate that our national schools should reflect the secular constitutional character of Malaysia.

Let us continue to ensure that our national schools remain schools for all Malaysians rather than a school system that is entirely dominated by one religion often to the detriment of others.



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