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Beyond the Headlines: Bring back UPSR, PT3 & GISB 'skibidy' [WATCH]

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KUALA LUMPUR: In this latest episode of Beyond the Headlines, hosts Amalina Kamal and Hazween Hassan explore pressing issues shaping Malaysia's future, particularly focusing on the Education Ministry's newly launched Strategic Education Plan (PSKPM) for 2024–2030.

This ambitious roadmap aims to transform the national education system with an emphasis on enhancing access, quality, and digitalisation over the next seven years.

Guest Professor Dr Ramlee Mustapha, an educationist, sheds light on the issue, highlighting the potential of the PSKPM while also addressing some concerns.

One of the key issues discussed is the persistent digital divide between urban and rural areas. The discussion raises important questions about how teachers will be prepared to integrate new technologies into the classroom.

Additionally, the show touches on the much-debated comeback of national examinations like UPSR and PT3, emphasising that a dual assessment system, combining classroom-based evaluations with national assessments, is essential for ensuring a comprehensive measure of student performance.

The discussion then shifts to a more serious issue: the potential security threats posed by deviant groups.

Security and counter-terrorism expert Dr Ahmad El Muhammady informs the show that authorities like the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) must be more proactive in curbing extremist ideologies associated with the now-declared deviant group, GISB Holdings (GISBH).

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Professor Dr Ramlee Mustapha speaking to Beyond The Headlines' hosts during the podcast recording at Balai Berita. -NSTP/AIMAN HARIZ AZHAR