A hit or losing its touch?

DIVIDED VIEWS: While some quarters advocate saying 'no' to physical punishment, others feel it is a form of deterrent, not abuse.

**Government Guidelines**

The use of physical punishment in schools is prohibited.

- Only boys are caned.
- Teachers can only cane children in a specified area.
- The headmaster must be informed.
- Cane is only for repeat offenses.

**Discipline with purpose**

HARIS Abdullah met his last name; a senior teacher at a second school. The 38-year-old said, "I am not against physical punishment, but I believe in love and understanding."

**Zulfin Ahamid**

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**University of Malaya Law Faculty Professor Dr Sanad Ali Hassaan**

said from his experience in management, especially those who have been in the law and education, it is not just about punishing, but also about understanding and providing support.

**Khalid Anwar, Mohamad**

said that the use of physical punishment should be avoided. He added that the use of corporal punishment is not effective and it can lead to more problems.

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