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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 21 ¹⁷⁴ (BERNAMA) — THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, TONIGHT EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA STUDENTS UNION HAD TAKEN OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY.

HE SAID THIS WOULD ONLY BE TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE STUDENTS AS THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR LECTURES.

THE DECISION TO TAKE OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY WAS REACHED BY THE 35-MEMBER STUDENTS' COUNCIL IN A THREE-HOUR MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY'S COURT ROOM THIS AFTERNOON.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, UMSU WANTED THE POLICE TO RELEASE UNCONDITIONALLY UMSU PRESIDENT, HISHAMUDDIN RAIS, AND OTHER STUDENT, MOHAMED YUNUS ALI, WHO WERE DETAINED IN JOHORE BAHRU ON THURSDAY.

DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THIS MATTER NOW RESTED WITH THE COURT. — BERNAMA 2127/A1