

At the airport, the acting IGP, Datuk Sri Mohamed Haniff Omar, had a fifteen minute discussion with Dr.

Mahathir.

Dr. Mahathir said that after watching the turn of events at the university, the Government has decided not to close it "unless absolutely necessary."

He was clarifying an earlier report from Alor Star which quoted him as saying that the University of Malaya will be closed tomorrow.

Dr. Mahathir said that when he made the statement he was under the impression that the situation at the university had worsened.

Earlier in Alor Star, he said the Government might close the university if the new "flare-up" by students could not be checked."

## Phone calls

He was interrupted three times within 20 minutes by telephone calls from a Ministry of-

ficial in Kuala Lumpur while he was addressing officials and members of the Kedah Malay Teachers Association (PGMK) at a dialogue session at the multi-purpose centre.

After the Minister had spoken over the telephone for the third time he returned to the microphone and said he had to stop abruptly as he had to rush back to Kuala Lumpur.

He told reporters that there was a new flare-up in the university this afternoon.

He said: "Two groups of students are confront-

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ing each other and are ready for a clash. Somebody is going to get hurt if we don't stop them.

"I do not know the nature of the confrontation but I feel that we may have to close down the university to disperse the students and send them home."

Lectures were carried out as usual this morning except at the

Science Faculty where students are boycotting lectures.

They have been staying away from lectures for the past two weeks.

Science student leaders this morning held a meeting and decided to persuade their colleagues not to boycott lectures until Thursday.

It is understood that the University Senate will meet on Thursday to discuss a test paper in Bahasa Malaysia which the students must sit for.

The atmosphere at the campus was one of uneasy calm. Students were seen hurrying about.

Towards the later part of the afternoon tension increased as news spread in the campus that a certain faction was preparing for a counter-takeover of the campus.

Visitors were not allowed into the campus

Students were allowed to go in and out.

A performance by the Martha Graham dance troupe at the Dewan Tunku Chancellor tonight was cancelled.

University authorities have brought additional security guards into the campus.

It is understood that high level discussions were held when the situation in the campus became tense towards the later part of the evening.