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Thurs. — Lecturers and tutors should not take part in student politics, Education Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamed said today.

They should remember they are part of the university staff, he said, adding that some of them were reported to have been involved in the recent protests at the University of Malaya.

Dr. Mahathir said the University Council was making all efforts to restore the situation to normal and there was no need to interfere because the situation was not serious.

He was commenting on the taking over of

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the university administration by students under the Temporary Executive Council.

Another student group, the Nationalist Executive Council later restored the administration to the university authorities.

On the suspension of Umsu, Dr. Mahathir said the majority of students had not agreed to the setting up of TEC and the taking-over of the university administration.

"This shows that the majority of students do not support the leadership of Umsu," he said.

Also, the students had not responded to Umsu's call to boycott lectures and tutorials.

Dr. Mahathir said he did not see why the students should be asked to boycott lectures because the NEC had returned administrative powers to the university council.

What was obvious was the recent disturbances arose out of a move to demolish squatters' huts in Tasik Utara in Johore Baru, he said.

Dr. Mahathir said the Partai Socialis Rakyat liked to make an issue of things and Umsu, as well as the Socialist Club of the university, took the matter up.

There was no denying that both bodies were connected with the disturbances, he added.