

**NATIONAL
INTEREST:
'MAJORITY
ACCEPTS
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KUALA LUMPUR, 4
Wed. — Educa-
tion Minister Dr.
Mahathir Mohamed
told the Dewan Rak-
yat today that, so
far, there had been
no proof that the
majority of the peo-
ple did not agree
with the Govern-
ments definition of
"national interest."

He was replying to Mr.
Chian Heng Kai (DAP-

Batu Gajah), who
asked what was
meant by "national
interest", cited by the
Government in refusing
to recognise Nanyang,
Taiwan, Indian and
Middle East university
degrees.

No proof

Mr. Chian had also
wanted to know if the
Government would re-
consider its decision.

Dr. Mahathir said the
permanent committee
set up to look into this
matter had decided that
recognition of degrees
should be based on
academic studies and
the national interest.

"The definition of
national interest is made
by the Government,
which is elected by the
people," he said.

"So far, there is no
proof that the majority
of the people disagree
with the definition
which is the guideline
for the committee."