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PARLIAMENT - COLLEGE

KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 7, ¹⁹⁷⁴ (BERNAMA)-- THE GOVERNMENT REJECTED THE APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH MERDEKA COLLEGE BECAUSE IT FELT THE VENTURE WAS NOT IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO BUILD AN INTEGRATED NATION.

THE EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED TOLD THE DEWAN RAKYAT DURING QUESTION TIME TODAY THAT THE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MERDEKA UNIVERSITI SDN. BHD.

IN REJECTING THE APPLICATION, DR. MAHATHIR ADDED, THE GOVERNMENT FELT THAT THE COLLEGE WOULD BE ALSO AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW CONOMIC POLICY TO REDUCE RACIAL DIFFERENCES IN THE NATION.

HE WAS REPLYING TO ENCIK CHIAN HENG KAI (DAP-- BATU GAJAH) WHO ASKED IF AN APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH THE COLLEGE WAS RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED IT.

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