

KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 9, ¹⁹⁷⁴ (BERNAMA) -- EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED TOOK TO TASK AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND STUDENTS TODAY FOR BEING +ONLY TOO WILLING+ TO LISTEN TO CRITICISMS AGAINST THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT.

+THEY ARE ONLY TOO WILLING TO HEAR ANYBODY ACCUSE THE GOVERNMENT OF BEING UNJUST TO THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID AT THE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEFORE LEAVING FOR JOHORE BAHRU.

THESE STUDENTS WITH THEIR SO-CALLED CONCERN FOR MALAYSIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS WERE +REMINISCENT OF COLONIAL OFFICERS WHO FELT THAT IF MALAYA BECAME INDEPENDENT SHE WOULD GO TO THE DOGS,+ HE SAID.

+THIS ATTITUDE CAN ONLY BE REGARDED AS OUT-OF-DATE.+

HE WAS REFERRING TO PRESS REPORTS ABOUT AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS BEING GIVEN THE WRONG IMPRESSION OF MALAYSIA.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE STUDENTS WERE +ANGRY+ OVER THE ARREST, BY THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT, OF A MALAYSIAN STUDYING AT A NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY.

THE STUDENT WAS ARRESTED BECAUSE HE JOINED +AN ORGANISATION DEDICATED TO THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO THE SETTING UP OF A DICTATORSHIP.+ HE SAID. --BERNAMA 1825/1K