

Smear campaign abroad

Mahathir hits at disloyal group abroad

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MALAYSIAN students in Australia and New Zealand who deliberately paint a distorted picture of Malaysia are neo-colonialists out to undermine the nation, Education Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said yesterday. P.

"These students are no better than those Malaysians who objected to Malaya's independence on the ground that only the imperialists were capable of running our country," he said.

He said history had proved those critics wrong.

"In the same way, these disgruntled overseas students will also learn their lesson," said Dr. Mahathir.

Condemn

He said these students condemn Malaysia's policies so as to curry favour with the imperialists.

"These students are aiming to emerge as freedom-fighters while at the same time they are fishing for praises from Australian and New Zealand students."

Dr. Mahathir was commenting on a statement by Datuk Musa Hitam that Malaysia should adopt immediate measures to correct the distorted picture of Malaysia painted by these disgruntled students.

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by Datuk Musa on his observations during his visit to Australia and New Zealand.

"As far as possible, the Government will keep Malaysian students overseas fully informed of the situation here," Dr. Mahathir said.

Smear

He said ample reading material will be supplied to the Malaysian centres in Perth, Melbourne and Wellington.

"If necessary, the

Government will also send representatives to these countries to keep the students informed of happenings here and to update their knowledge of the country," said Dr. Mahathir.

However, he said there was no necessity to send representatives now as this is a long-term measure.

He urged those students who have smeared the good name of the country not to waste anymore time indulging in irresponsible statements.