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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 19 (BERNAMA)— THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS INVESTIGATING INTO THE REPORTED LEAKAGE OF THE M.C.E. BAHASA MALAYSIA EXAMINATION PAPERS, THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID TODAY.

HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WAS AWARE THAT THE LEAKAGE HAD OCCURRED AND ADDED THAT IT WAS +TOO LATE TO WITHDRAW THE PAPERS.+

HE SAID THE MINISTRY WOULD STUDY THE RESULTS OF CANDIDATES SITTING FOR THE PAPERS AND IF THERE WAS GOOD PERFORMANCE, THE STANDARD OF MARKING THE PAPERS WOULD BE RAISED.

ON THE POSSIBILITY OF UNFAIRNESS TO PUPILS WHO HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE QUESTIONS, DR. MAHATHIR SAID: +WE KNOW THE PAST PERFORMANCES OF SCHOOLS AND AREAS AND BASED ON THIS, WE CAN GAUGE WHAT RESULTS CAN BE OBTAINED IN THESE PLACES.+

+IF MANY STUDENTS DO WELL IN THE PAPERS, THEN SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG,+ HE ADDED. —BERNAMA MORE 1413/MD

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THOSE +WHO THINK THAT THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS ARE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE.+

HE ASSURED THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD TAKE MORE STRINGENT MEASURES IN FUTURE TO ENSURE THAT SUCH LEAKAGE DID NOT OCCUR.

—BERNAMA 1414/MD

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IN PENANG, THE STATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, ENCIK TAN BOON LIN, SAID TODAY THAT A STUDENT HAD HANDED HIM A CYCLOSTYLED PAPER YESTERDAY. +BUT I WILL NOT SAY WHETHER IT IS SIMILAR TO THE ORIGINAL.+

HE ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS FROM STUDENTS AND PARENTS REGARDING THE +ALLEGED LEAKAGE.+

BAHASA MALAYSIA IS A COMPULSORY SUBJECT AND A CANDIDATE FOR THE WHOLE MCE IF HE FAILS THIS PAPER. —BERNAMA 1423/MD

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MEANWHILE, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION OF MALAY STUDENTS UNION, ENCIK MOHAMED ZULKIFLI HAMID, CALLED ON THE EDUCATION MINISTRY TO SET UP IMMEDIATELY A BODY TO INVESTIGATE THE LEAKAGE.

HE URGED THAT STERN ACTION BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED IN THE LEAKAGE. —BERNAMA 1922/MD