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JITRA, FEB. 1⁷⁵ (BERNAMA) — THE GOVERNMENT SPENDS \$1 MILLION ANNUALLY TO PROVIDE FULL HOSTEL FACILITIES FOR EIGHT HUNDRED STUDENTS.

THESE STUDENTS WERE SPECIALLY SELECTED FROM AMONG OTHER GOOD STUDENTS, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY.

P BUT SOME OF THEM HAD BEEN INFLUENCED BY CERTAIN GROUPS TO BOYCOTT THEIR CLASSES ON TRIFLING ISSUES, HE ADDED IN A DIALOGUE WITH 500 RESIDENTS OF KAMPUNG RAJA IN THE PERING MUKIM, 14 MILES FROM HERE.

THE MINISTER URGED STUDENTS AND THE PEOPLE NOT TO BE TAKEN IN BY INSTIGATIONS AND TALK OF THESE GROUPS.

AFTER MERDEKA THE GOVERNMENT DEVOTED ITS EFFORTS TO RAISING THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF PEOPLE IN THE KAMPUNGS.

DURING THE COLONIAL DAYS KAMPUNG DWELLERS RECEIVED NO SUCH ATTENTION.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID A RELIGIOUS ADVISORY COUNCIL HAD BEEN SET UP WITHIN HIS MINISTRY TO ADVISE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

THE PUBLIC COULD SUBMIT MEMORANDA FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL. -- BERNAMA 2023/ZCM

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