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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 7⁷⁵ (BERNAMA)— EDUCATION MINISTER (DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED) REMINDED STUDENTS TODAY THAT THEY COULD NOT SOLVE PROBLEMS BY RUNNING AWAY FROM THEM. THEY SHOULD BE FIRM AND DISCIPLINED BECAUSE THEY FACED A CHALLENGING FUTURE.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON A PRESS REPORT THAT 30 STUDENTS WAITING FOR MCE-SPM RESULTS HAD STAYED AWAY FROM SCHOOL.

AS THERE WERE NO PLACES FOR THEM IN SEKOLAH MENENGAH SAINS BUKIT MERTAJAM, WHERE THEY HAD BEEN STUDYING, THEY WERE MOVED TO SEKOLAH MENENGAH SAINS KOTA BHARU. BUT THEY LEFT.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN THEIR OWN INTEREST, THE GOVERNMENT THIS YEAR HAD GIVEN THEM THE CHANCE TO PREPARE FOR THEIR HSC-STP EXAMINATION WHILE WAITING FOR THEIR RESULTS.—BERNAMA MORE 1910/1B

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THE GOVERNMENT WAS SPENDING HALF A MILLION DOLLARS ON BOARD AND LODGING FOR SUCH STUDENTS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT STAYING AWAY FROM CLASSES WAS PROPER. THEY HAD BEEN IN THE NEW SCHOOL FOR ONLY 24 HOURS.

HE ADDED THAT THE HEADMASTER HAD ALSO TRIED TO CONTACT THE STUDENTS BUT THEY REFUSED TO MEET HIM.

HE POINTED OUT THERE WERE OTHER STUDENTS WILLING TO STUDY UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.—BERNAMA 1930/MM