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SHAH ALAM, MAR. 20 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT LOST \$450,000 WHEN 150 OUT OF THE 600 STUDENTS OF THE MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FAILED IN THEIR EXAMINATIONS LAST YEAR, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THAT 550 STUDENTS WOULD HAVE PASSED IF THEY HAD NOT WASTED THEIR TIME IN +USELESS ACTIVITIES.+

HE WARNED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD WITHDRAW SCHOLARSHIPS OF MIT STUDENTS IF THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN THEIR STUDIES.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS DURING VISIT TO THE MIT CAMPUS HERE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT SPENT \$3,000 ON EACH STUDENT FOR HIS EDUCATION, ACCOMMODATION AND IN PROVIDING OTHER FACILITIES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1430/AZ

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ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MIT DIRECTOR, DATUK ARSHAD AYUB AS THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF BANK NEGARA, THE MINISTER SAID AN OFFICER WOULD BE APPOINTED TO ACT IN DATUK ARSHAD'S PLACE.

DATUK ARSHAD, IN HIS BRIEFING, SAID THAT CAMPUSES WERE BEING PLANNED FOR JOHORE, PAHANG, PERAK, AND KELANTAN.

THE CAMPUSES WERE EXPECTED TO BE READY IN JOHORE NEXT YEAR: PAHANG IN 1977; PERAK, 1978 AND KELANTAN, 1989. THE CAMPUSES IN MALACCA AND NEGRI SEMBILAN HAD BEEN SHELVED TEMPORARILY BECAUSE OF INAVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE LAND.

DATUK ARSHAD SAID THE NEW CAMPUSES WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE IN 2,000 STUDENTS WHILE THE CAMPUS AT SHAH ALAM WOULD HAVE 8,000 STUDENTS BY 1980.

AT PRESENT, THE MIT HAD THREE CAMPUSES IN KOTA KINABALU, KUCHING AND KANGAR, HE SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1433/AZ

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MEANWHILE, ABOUT 400 STUDENTS HELD A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE MIT ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK IN PROTEST AGAINST +OUTSIDE PRESSURE+. -- BERNAMA 1600/YF