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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 1 (BERNAMA) -- EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED HAS GIVEN AN ASSURANCE THAT ONLY STUDENTS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INVOLVED IN LAST YEAR'S DEMONSTRATIONS WILL HAVE THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS WITHDRAWN.

OTHER WILL HAVE THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS RETURNED ON NEW CONDITIONS TO BE INCORPORATED IN THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENTS, HE SAID IN REPLY TO DR. CHEN MAN HIN (DAP-SEREMBAN) WHO HAD ASKED FOR THE MINISTER'S ASSURANCE NOT TO WITHDRAW THE SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE MEMBER ALSO WANTED A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO BE SET UP TO STUDY THE BACKGROUND AND FACTORS THAT HAD LED TO THE STUDENTS' DEMONSTRATION.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN TO INFORM THE STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO WITHDRAW THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS.

+THEY WILL HAVE TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT WITHDRAW THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NOTICE, + HE ADDED.

THE STUDENTS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO APPEAR BEFORE A BOARD OF INTERVIEWERS, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA MORE 1945/SZ

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE ACTION HAD TO BE TAKEN BECAUSE STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS HAD CONTRAVENED THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENTS.

+IN VIEW OF THE MEASURES BEING TAKEN, THE GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO APPOINT A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUE, + HE STRESSED.

IN A WRITTEN REPLY, TUN ABDUL RAZAK, SAID A TOTAL OF 3,596 EX-SERVICEMEN HAD JOINED FELDA LAND SCHEMES AND ANOTHER 1,337 FRINGE LAND SCHEMES.

ANOTHER GROUP OF 240 EX-SERVICEMEN WERE ALSO TAKING PART IN A SPECIAL LAND SCHEME AT SUNGAI KOYAN PAHANG. -- BERNAMA 1948/ 87