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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 2 (BERNAMA) -- THE EDUCATION MINISTRY HAS SET UP A COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT THE TEXTBOOK AID PROGRAMME AND TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

P EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID THAT A NATION-WIDE SURVEY HAD ALSO BEEN UNDERTAKEN TO FIND OUT DETAILS OF THE NEED FOR TEXTBOOKS IN SCHOOLS.

THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY HAD BEEN RELAYED TO THE VARIOUS PUBLISHERS AS GUIDELINES TO THEM TO PRINT ENOUGH TEXTBOOKS, HE TOLD ENCIK OH KENG SENG (DAP-PETALING) IN A WRITTEN REPLY.

IN ANOTHER WRITTEN REPLY TO THE DAP MP FOR KOTA MELAKA, ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE WITHDRAWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM STUDENTS INVOLVED IN LAST YEAR'S DEMONSTRATIONS WAS TO MAKE THEM REALISE THAT STUDENTS WERE NOT ABOVE THE LAW AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1620/AB

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HE POINTED OUT THAT STUDENTS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THEIR STUDIES AND NOT TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES PREJUDICIAL TO THE COUNTRY'S PEACE AND SECURITY.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE WITHDRAWAL WAS EFFECTED BECAUSE THE STUDENTS CONCERNED HAD BEEN FOUND TO HAVE CONTRAVENED THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT HOPED THAT WITH THIS ACTION, STUDENTS WOULD REALISE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE IN SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

TO ANOTHER QUESTION BY ENCIK OH KENG SENG, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD OFFERED CHANGES IN THE SALARY SCHEMES OF TEACHERS IN THE B1 AND B2 CATEGORIES THROUGH THE ACTION COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHING PROFESSION, PENINSULAR MALAYSIA WHICH REPRESENTED THEM.

THE COMMITTEE, HE SAID, HAD ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE OFFER WHICH WAS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS -- BERNAMA MORE 1600/AB