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BESUT, MAY 12 (BERNAMA) — THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WILL CUT DOWN ON UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES AND INCREASE ALLOCATIONS TO COMBAT THE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS' THREAT.

P EDUCATION MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID THIS WHEN HE MET BARISAN NASIONAL MEMBERS AT THE BEJAN BANDARAN HERE LAST NIGHT.

HE SAID THAT MALAYSIANS COULD NOT BE SWAYED EASILY BY COMMUNIST IDEALOGY BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALWAYS TRIED TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF PEOPLE OF ALL STRATA OF SOCIETY.

HE BELIEVED THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD ALWAYS BE READY TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY EVEN IF THEY SHOULD BE THREATENED WITH ARMS BY THE TERRORISTS.

ON PART-TIME SCHOOL CLERKS, HE SAID THAT THOSE WHO WERE EFFICIENT AND QUALIFIED, WOULD BE TAKEN IN AS PERMANENT SCHOOL STAFF, ESPECIALLY IN SCHOOLS WITH MORE THAN 400 PUPILS. —  
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