

# Varsity rules for MIT students



Dr. Mahathir addressing MIT students yesterday

## NEW REGULATIONS WILL APPLY TO UNGKU OMAR.

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STUDENTS at the Mara Institute of Technology and the Ungku Umar Polytechnic are to be governed by rules and regulations "more or less similar" to the amended Universities and University Colleges Act, Education Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said today.

The Education Ministry had completed the draft of instrument of government for the MIT and would enforce it within this year, he added.

Students would meanwhile be governed by the Education Act and regulations, he told reporters after opening a week-long orientation programme for over 2,000 new MIT students at their campus here.

The amended Universities and University Colleges Act, passed by Parliament in April, does not cover the two institutions.

But, Dr. Mahathir had said there were other ways to curb any undesirable activities by the students.

One of the amendments provides for the suspension of a student found guilty of a criminal offence.

Students or student bodies are also prohibited from becoming members or be associated with any organisation, trade union or political party except those provided under the university constitution.

### 'Selfish ends'

Earlier, Dr. Mahathir told the students to be vigilant against irres-

ponsible religious fanatics who might try to influence them for their selfish ends.

"These elements, purportedly fighting for the cause of Islam, are in fact causing harm to the religion," he said.

Egypt, he added, was now tackling a group of fanatics out to influence the people not to cooperate with the Government.

The group accused the Egyptian Government of being "un-Islamic" and was trying to persuade the people not to follow the orders of the establishment.

"If that group succeeded, then Egypt would fall into the hands of the Jews," Dr. Mahathir said.

Students must be on guard against similar elements in this country and thwart their destructive efforts.

In reminding students that their sole pre-occupation should be their studies, Dr. Mahathir said:

### Ultimate proof

"You are the lucky chosen ones and you have the responsibility to concentrate on your studies and later do your share for society."

The Government, he added, was prepared to spend on higher institutions of learning for bumiputras to correct the educational imbalance among the communities.

Success of this objective would greatly depend on the bumiputra students themselves because the ultimate proof would be how useful they would be to the society.