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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 5 (BERNAMA)— STUDENTS WERE TODAY URGED TO KEEP AWAY FROM UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS SO THAT THEIR FUTURE WOULD NOT BE ENDANGERED.

EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID THEY SHOULD AVOID MIXING WITH THESE GROUPS WHICH WOULD TEACH THEM TO PLAY TRUANT, ROAM ABOUT, AND TAKE DRUGS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE KAMPUNG BATU NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL NEAR HERE, HE SAID TEACHERS AND PARENTS SHOULD BE FIRM WHEN ENFORCING DISCIPLINE ON STUDENTS.

DR. MAHATHIR ADVISED TEACHERS TO BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEIR STUDENTS' PARENTS SO AS TO GET TO KNOW THEM BETTER.

HE SAID TEACHER-PARENT CO-OPERATION WOULD PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS FROM ARISING WHENEVER ANY ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE SCHOOLS TO PUNISH STUDENTS INVOLVED IN TRUANCY AND DRUG-TAKING.

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THE MINISTER ALSO URGED PARENTS TO TIGHTEN THEIR CONTROL OVER THEIR CHILDREN SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MIX WITH UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS.

HE ALSO REMINDED PARENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN HAD ENOUGH POCKET MONEY AND SUFFICIENT MEALS BEFORE GOING TO SCHOOL TO ENABLE THEM TO STUDY BETTER. —BERNAMA 1814/MD