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PORT KLANG, JULY 24 (BERNAMA) — SCHOOLS HAVE THE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE RELIGIOUS LECTURES AND CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES TO COUNTER THE ACTIONS OF SOME STUDENTS WHICH CONFLICT WITH ISLAMIC TEACHINGS, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY.

HE SAID HE HAD ASKED FOR THE CO-OPERATION OF HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS TO CURTAIL SUCH UNHEALTHY ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD POISON THE MINDS OF OTHER STUDENTS.

OPENING THE EXTENSION BUILDING OF THE PULAU LUMUT NATIONAL SCHOOL HERE, HE SAID THE MISCHIEF-MAKERS PRETENDED TO BE VERY +PIOUS+ PEOPLE AND USED ISLAM FOR THEIR OWN ENDS.

THEY DEPRECIATED THE GOVERNMENT AND LEADERS TO TURN THE STUDENTS AGAINST THEM. — BERNAMA MORE 1310/ZCM

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THESE PEOPLE ADVOCATED A VERY NARROW AND RESTRICTIVE ISLAMIC WAY OF LIFE, HE ADDED.

GOVERNMENT STEPS TO CURB SUCH DOINGS WERE NOT AIMED AT REDUCING THE EFFECT OF ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL IN SCHOOLS.

THEY WERE ONLY TO PROTECT YOUNG MINDS FROM HARMFUL INFLUENCES TO ENSURE THEY DEVELOPED IN A HEALTHY WAY. — BERNAMA 1312/ZCM

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THE MINISTER SAID IF THE SITUATION WAS LEFT UNCHECKED, GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO CREATE UNITY AND PROMOTE THE ECONOMY AND EDUCATION OF MUSLIMS MIGHT FAIL.

HE ALSO ADVISED TEACHERS IN RURAL AREAS TO ADAPT THEMSELVES TO THEIR NEW SURROUNDINGS AND UNDERSTAND THE SOCIETY AROUND THEM.

PARENTS SHOULD HELP TEACHERS IN ENSURING CHILDREN WERE IN GOOD HEALTH FOR HEALTHY BODY AND MIND WERE IMPORTANT TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN STUDIES. — BERNAMA 1320/ZCM