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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 10 (BERNAMA)— EDUCATIONMINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN (TAR) COLLEGE ARE TO ENSURE THAT COURSES AND STUDENT ENROLMENT ARE IN LINE WITH THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY AND MEET THE COUNTRY'S DEMAND FOR SKILLED MANPOWER. (mca)

(P) HOWEVER, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID HE COULD NOT PERSONALLY ENSURE THAT THE COLLEGE ADHERED TO CONDITIONS BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE FULL AUTHORITY OVER THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION.

HE SAID UMNO YOUTH'S CONCERN PROBABLY AROSE FROMWHETHER THE MINISTRY'S REPRESENTATIVES PLAYED AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN THE COLLEGE'S ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD.

NEVERTHELESS, THE PROBLEM COULD BE LOOKED INTO BY THE MINISTRY BECAUSE THE COLLEGE WAS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT, HE TOLD BERNAMA.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN TAR COLLEGE'S POLICY TO TAKE IN STUDENTS FROM ALL GROUPS, BUT DUE TO CERTAIN PROBLEMS THE MAKE-UP OF THE STUDENT POPULATION DID NOT REFLECT THE TRUE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY.
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DR. MAHATHIR SAID UMNO YOUTH WAS PERHAPS IMPATIENT OVER HIS ABILITY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. BUT SUCH A PROBLEM WAS NOT EASY TO OVERCOME, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE SOLUTION ALSO DEPENDED ON BUMIPUTRA STUDENTS WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS TO RECTIFY THE IMBALANCE.

ON THE IMPLEMENTATIONOF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY AT TAR COLLEGE, DR. MAHATHIR SAID ALTHOUGH THE AUTHORITIES PLANNED TO USE BAHASA MALAYSIA, THE TIME WAS NOT RIGHT YET.

ON PRIVATE INSTITUTES, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT PLAN ANY TAKE OVER AS SUCH A MOVE INVILVED LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

HOEVER, HIS MINISTRY WISHED TO HAVE SOME FROM OF CONTROL OVER THE RUNNING OF THESE SCHOOLS AND INSTITUES TO PREVENT THE PUBLIC FROM BEING SWINDLED. —BERNAMA MORE 1618/1B

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HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN INSTANCES OF CHEATING BECAUSE HIS MINISTRY HAD NO FULL CONTROL OVER PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT WAS PROVIDING AID TO ANY OF THESE INSTITUTES, IT SHOULD HAVE A SAY IN THEIR RUNNING AND EXPANSION

ON A REPORT FROM WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, THAT STUDENTS THERE AND IN AUSTRALIA WOULD DEMONSTRATE DURING TUN ABDUL RAZAK'S VISIT, DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE MALAYSIANS WERE INVOLVED.

HE SAID MALAYSIA HAD NEVER TOLD ANY COUNTRY HOW TO MANAGE THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND THERE SHOULD BE ANY REASON FOR THOSE STUDENTS TO MEDDLE IN MALAYSIA'S. —BERNAMA 1622/1B 167