

**MAHATHIR: MAJORITY ARE BEING
FORCED TO CRITICISE THE GOVT**

Warning to our ¹⁹⁷⁵ students overseas

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MALAYSIAN students overseas who are involved in activities detrimental to the country will be detained when they return home, Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said today.

The Education Minister, addressing 1,000 teachers at the Stadium Dato Syed Omar, said most of the Malaysian students in New Zealand and Australia who criticised the Malaysian Government were forced to do so by local students.

The Malaysian students were told by their counterparts in the two countries that unless they criticised the Government, they would be denied the facilities needed to further their education.

Some of the students had succumbed to this threat for fear of harassment, Dr. Mahathir said.

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There was also a small group of Malaysian students who were running down the Government just to get permanent residence in New Zealand and Australia.

By claiming that they would be arrested on their return to Malaysia, they hoped their host countries would grant them