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MAHATHIR-STUDENTS

PENANG, NOV. 9 (BERNAMA) — MALAYSIAN STUDENTS ABROAD ARE FREE TO RETURN TO THE COUNTRY PROVIDED THEY HAVE NOT BROKEN ANY LAW, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY.

HE WAS REFERRING TO PRESS REPORTS THAT A MALAYSIAN STUDENT LEADER IN AUSTRALIA, T.M. KRISHNAN, HAD STATED THAT HE FEARED DETENTION IF HE CAME BACK.

+IT IS NOT MY INTENTION TO INVITE TROUBLE-MAKING STUDENTS HOME,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER MEETING MEMBERS OF THE BUKIT BENDERA UMNO DIVISION AT TANJUNG TOKONG HERE.

ON THE \$1,473.7 MILLION ALLOCATED FOR EDUCATION NEXT YEAR, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE MONEY WOULD BE MAINLY UTILISED FOR +OVERALL EXPANSION.+

THIS INCLUDED INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

EARLIER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DIVISION, ENCIK SULONG MOHAMED, EXPRESSED THE PARTY'S CONCERN OVER STUDENT PROTEST DURING THE PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT VISIT TO AUSTRALIA. — BERNAMA 1705/YF