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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 2 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA PRIVATE STUDENTS GOING FOR HIGHER STUDIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND INDONESIA WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A DEPOSIT OF \$1,500 BEFORE THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE APPROVED.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THE DATE FOR THIS RULING TO COME INTO EFFECT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BY THE EDUCATION MINISTRY SOON.

HE TOLD THE DEWAN RAKYAT TODAY THAT THE MONEY WAS FOR THE RETURN TICKET IF THE STUDENTS WERE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO MALAYSIA BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES.

REPLYING TO ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG (DAP-KOTA MELAKA), DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS NOT TRUE THAT THE MINISTRY WAS PLANNING TO REQUIRE SUCH STUDENTS TO PAY A \$10,000 DEPOSIT AS A GUARANTEE FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR.

THEY WOULD ONLY BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN THE NECESSARY FORMS AND PROVIDE A FINANCIAL GUARANTEE FOR \$10,000 FOR THEIR FEES AND COST OF LIVING IN BRITAIN. -- BERNAMA MORE 1655/YF

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DR. MAHATHIR EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES.

HE SAID THE MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON HAD TO PROVIDE BETWEEN 10 AND 15 RETURN TICKETS EVERY YEAR TO MALAYSIAN STUDENTS WHO WERE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO MALAYSIA BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES. -- BERNAMA 1700/YF