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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 7 (BERNAMA) -- PARENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT ABSENTEEISM AND TRUANCY AMONG SCHOOL PUPILS IN THE COUNTRY.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF DOING THIS WAS TO HAVE CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS.

PARENTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR SCHOOL-GOING CHILDREN ATTEND CLASSES REGULARLY AND TEACHERS SHOULD SEEK EXPLANATION FROM PARENTS WHEEVER THEIR CHILDREN WERE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER MEETING THE FORMER SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA, LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN, WHO ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT.

HE SAID HIS MINISTRY WOULD DECIDE ON THE COURSE OF ACTION AFTER RECEIVING A REPORT FROM THE KELANTAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THE HIGH RATE OF ABSENTEEISM AND TRUANCY AMONG SCHOOL PUPILS IN THE STATE. --BERNAMA MORE 1724/BY

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS VERY CONCERNED WITH REPORTS THAT ABOUT 9,333 PUPILS OUT OF THE 57,000 STUDENT POPULATION IN KELANTAN WERE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL DAILY.

HE HAD DIRECTED THE STATE'S DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, ENCIK SAW CHEE LENG, TO PREPARE A DETAILED REPORT FOR THE MINISTRY.
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