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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 23 23 (BERNAMA)--DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY THAT HE WAS LOOKING INTO WAYS TO HELP MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARS HIT BY THE TREMENDOUS RISE IN TUITION FEES.

THE FEES HAD BEEN INCREASED FROM £400 TO AS MUCH AS £1,000 A YEAR, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND EDUCATION MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN AFTER AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON.

THE £93 A MONTH PAID TO EACH STUDENT WAS INSUFFICIENT SINCE PRICES OF GOODS INCLUDING FOOD HAD ALSO INCREASED, HE ADDED.

ON THE ACTIVITIES OF MALAYSIAN STUDENTS ABROAD, DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER ANY OF THEM WAS INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

+DISCIPLINARY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED ON THEIR RETURN HOME,+ HE SAID. --BERNAMA 2024/MD