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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 30 (BERNAMA)—ALL PERMANENT TEACHERS OF RELIGIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE ABSORBED INTO THE RELIGIOUS TEACHERS' SERVICE FOLLOWING THE TAKE-OVER OF SUCH SCHOOLS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA FROM NEXT MONTH.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WHO IS ALSO THE EDUCATION MINISTER, SAID TODAY TEMPORARY TEACHERS WHO MET THE CONDITIONS OF THE EDUCATION MINISTRY WOULD ALSO BE ABSORBED INTO THE SERVICE.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER RECEIVING 2,000 SOUVENIR BOOKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUSLIM WOMEN'S WELFARE BOARD, TENGKU PUAN BESAR KURSIAH, HERE.

ELEVEN RELIGIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOLS WERE AFFECTED BY THE TAKE-OVER, HE SAID.

TWO OF THE SCHOOLS ARE IN MALACCA, TWO IN PERLIS, TWO IN KELANTAN, ONE EACH IN JOHORE, NEGERI SEMBILAN, PENANG, TRENGGANU AND SELANGOR. — BERNAMA MORE HM 1248

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THESE TEACHERS WOULD BE GIVEN TRAINING. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SET UP A TRAINING COLLEGE FOR RELIGIOUS TEACHERS SOON.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE MAIN COMMITTEE STUDYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY WAS STILL CARRYING OUT ITS WORK.

ON THE ALLOWANCES FOR GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED STUDENTS PURSUING STUDIES OVERSEAS, HE SAID THAT EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO INCREASE THEIR ALLOWANCES.

EARLIER, ON RECEIVING THE BOOKS, DR. MAHATHIR SAID HIS MINISTRY ALWAYS HAD GREAT CONCERN FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

PARENTS AND RELIGIOUS BODIES COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN GUIDING YOUNGSTERS AWAY FROM UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS, HE ADDED.

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