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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 24 (BERNAMA) -- THE EDUCATION MINISTRY HAS INSTRUCTED ALL SCHOOLS TO HAVE CLOSER RAPPORT WITH PARENTS TO OVERCOME THE TRUANCY PROBLEM, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE MINISTRY WAS STUDYING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ANTI-TRUANCY SQUAD FORMED JOINTLY BY THE POLICE AND PARENTS IN PETALING JAYA.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SAID THE MINISTRY WAS STUDYING CLOSELY A REPORT SUBMITTED BY A NATIONAL SEMINAR ON TRUANCY.

THE SEMIHAR, HELD IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, WAS AIMED AT FINDING THE CAUSES OF TRUANCY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT THE TWO CABINET-APPOINTED COMMITTEES TO STUDY THE MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP HAD COMPLETED THEIR REPORTS. THE REPORTS WERE EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO HIM SHORTLY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1510/ZCM

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HE SAID THE MINISTRY WAS CONSTANTLY REVIEWING THE CURRICULUM AND COURSES TAUGHT AT TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY.

LAST WEEK, PRINCIPALS OF TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGES MET TO REVIEW THE CURRICULUM OF SUCH COLLEGES.

DR. MAHATHIR EXPLAINED THAT THE MEETING WAS A ROUTINE ONE TO UPDATE THE LATEST TEACHER TRAINING TECHNIQUES. - BERNAMA 1517/BW