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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 27 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO WERE NOT READMITTED AFTER EXPULSION FROM THE MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT) FOLLOWING DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE CAMPUS IN JANUARY LAST YEAR WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO JOIN THE INSTITUTE AGAIN.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON A RESOLUTION PASSED RECENTLY BY THE MALAYSIAN YOUTH COUNCIL (MYC) APPEALING TO HIM TO READMIT THOSE STUDENTS INTO THE MIT AGAIN.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT ALL STUDENTS WHO HAD BEEN EXPELLED AT THE HEIGHT OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE TO EXPLAIN THEIR ACTION AND APPEAL FOR READMISSION INTO THE MIT.

HOWEVER, THIS GROUP OF STUDENTS REFUSED TO EVEN ANSWER THE MINISTRY'S CALL TO THEM TO COME FOR AN INTERVIEW AND DISCUSS THEIR GRIEVANCES WITH THE OFFICIALS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1753/AZ

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IF THOSE STUDENTS THEMSELVES SHOWED NO INTEREST IN TAKING UP A CHANCE TO EARN A REFRIEVE, I SEE NO REASON WHY THE MYC SHOULD BE SO INTERESTED IN TAKING UP THEIR CASE, + HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THIS PARTICULAR GROUP OF STUDENTS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISRUPTING THE ACTIVITIES IN THE MIT AND HE HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT THE 7,000 OVER STUDENTS IN THE MIT WERE NEVER AGAIN INFLUENCED BY THIS SMALL GROUP.

THEY HAVE SHOWN NO REGRET AND AS SUCH THEY CANNOT EXPECT SOCIETY TO GIVE THEM ANOTHER CHANCE, + HE SAID.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THEY COULD FIND A PLACE FOR THEMSELVES IN OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY AS LONG AS THEY DID NOT CONTRAVENE THE RULES OF ENTRY OF THESE INSTITUTIONS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1756/AZ

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EARLIER, HE MET THE SOUTH KOREAN CONSTRUCTION MINISTER ENCIK SHIN HYOONG-SIK, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY WORKS AND UTILITIES MINISTER DATUK HAJI ABDUL GHANI GILONG, AT HIS OFFICE.

AFTER THE MEETING, HE SAID THAT MORE SOUTH KOREAN INVESTORS SHOULD INVEST IN MALAYSIA, PARTICULARLY IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

SOUTH KOREAN BUSINESSMEN WERE INVESTING IN MANY COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND MALAYSIA WOULD BE ANOTHER GOOD PLACE FOR INVESTMENT.

AT PRESENT, SOUTH KOREAN INVOLVEMENT IN MALAYSIA WAS LIMITED TO CONSTRUCTION WORK, AND AID IN THE FORM OF CONTRACT ENGINEERS AND DOCTORS. -- BERNAMA 1800/AZ