

## MAHATHIR-TEACHERS

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SANDAKAN, MAY 13<sup>77</sup> (BERNAMA) -- MORE THAN 35 PER CENT OF THE 6,391 TEACHERS IN SABAH LAST YEAR WERE UNTRAINED TEMPORARY TEACHERS, ACCORDING TO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO EDUCATION MINISTER, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED OVER THE SHORTAGE OF TRAINED TEACHERS IN THE STATE AS THIS WOULD AFFECT THE STANDARD OF EDUCATION.

HE SAID OF THE 2,260 UNTRAINED TEACHERS IN SABAH LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 1,900 WERE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND THE REST IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE THREE EXISTING TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGES IN THE STATE COULD ONLY PRODUCE 400 TEACHERS A YEAR.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS OPENING THE SANDAKAN TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE -- THE THIRD IN THE STATE -- IN JALAN LABUK HERE. THE COLLEGE WAS BUILT IN 1974 AT A COST OF \$1.2 MILLION. -- BERNAMA MORE 1752/YF

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HE SAID THAT TO OVERCOME THE SHORTAGE OF TRAINED TEACHERS, THE EDUCATION MINISTRY PLANNED TO EXPAND THE EXISTING COLLEGES AND SET UP ANOTHER COLLEGE IN KENINGAU DURING THE CURRENT MALAYSIA PLAN PERIOD.

THE MINISTRY WAS ALSO PROVIDING TRAINING TO UNTRAINED TEACHERS THROUGH COURSES DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

THE THREE-MONTH COURSES WERE BEING CONDUCTED AT THE EXISTING COLLEGES FROM THIS YEAR.

THE PROJECT WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO ALL THE EXISTING TEMPORARY TEACHERS BY 1984.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID SINCE 1972 A TOTAL OF 337 TEACHERS FROM TRAINING COLLEGES IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA HAD BEEN POSTED TO SABAH.

THE STATE STILL NEEDED TRAINED TEACHERS FROM PENINSULAR MALAYSIA FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS. -- BERNA A MORE 1655/YF

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THE MINISTRY HAD ALSO TAKEN STEPS TO SELECT UNTRAINED TEACHERS WHO HAD COMPLETED FIVE YEARS SERVICE FOR FIVE-YEAR TRAINING DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

THESE TRAINEES WOULD FOLLOW THE SAME TRAINING SYSTEM GIVEN TO OTHER TRAINEE TEACHERS. THEY WOULD ALSO RECEIVE THE SAME BENEFITS AS OTHER TRAINED TEACHERS ON COMPLETION OF THEIR TRAINING.

A TOTAL OF 127 UNTRAINED TEACHERS HAD BEEN SELECTED TO ATTEND THE COURSE AT GAYA COLLEGE, 61 AT SANDAKAN COLLEGE AND 59 AT KENT COLLEGE IN TUARAN FROM THIS YEAR.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE HAD ALSO DIRECTED THE EDUCATION MINISTRY TO PROVIDE TEACHING AIDS TO SCHOOLS IN SABAH.

THE MINISTRY HAD ALSO INTRODUCED A CODE OF ETHICS FOR TEACHERS. -- BERNAMA 1657/YF