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ALOR STAR, JULY 5 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WARNED TODAY OF THE EXISTENCE OF A GROUP WHICH IS OUT TO DISRUPT THE EDUCATION OF MALAY STUDENTS.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE GROUP HAD STATED THAT IT WAS +HARAM+ FOR MUSLIMS TO STUDY MEDICINE.

OPENING THE SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN, PADANG TERAP, KUALA NERANG, ABOUT 32 MILES FROM HERE, HE SAID THAT THE GROUP HAD ALSO TRIED TO DISRUPT THE STUDIES OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS.

AS A RESULT OF THEIR PROPAGANDA, SEVERAL MALAY STUDENTS OVERSEAS HAD FAILED IN THEIR EXAMINATIONS, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT OF THE 2,700 MALAYSIAN DOCTORS IN THE COUNTRY, ONLY 170 WERE MALAYS. -- BERNAMA MORE 154/SZ

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IN VIEW OF THIS, THE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MALAY DOCTORS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE MALAY COMMUNITY IN THE RURAL AREAS.

HE SAID THAT THE GROUP ALSO DID NOT WANT WOMEN TO STUDY MEDICINE BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE +EXPOSED TO THINGS WHICH WERE HARAM.+

THIS ATTITUDE WOULD ONLY KILL THE INTEREST OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION WHO WANTED TO TAKE UP MEDICINE.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER URGED PARENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN WERE NOT INFLUENCED BY THIS GROUP.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOCATED \$2.3 BILLION FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN THE COUNTRY THIS YEAR. -- BERNAMA MORE

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THIS WAS A BIG ALLOCATION COMPARED WITH THE ALLOCATION FOR OTHER SECTORS, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO EXPRESSED REGRET THAT DURING THE CURRENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN A CERTAIN GROUP HAD BEEN POISONING THE MINDS OF YOUNGER GENERATION BY ASKING THEM TO DO +UNDESIRABLE THINGS.+

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEY WERE ASKED TO USE THE WORD +INFIDEL+ INDISCRIMINATELY AGAINST ANYONE WHO WAS OF A DIFFERENT POLITICAL INCLINATION.

HE SAID THAT THIS WOULD ONLY CREATE MISUNDERSTANDING AMONG THE MALAYS.

HE WARNED THE GROUP NOT TO INCITE THE YOUNGER GENERATION, PARTICULARLY SCHOOLCHILDREN, TO MISUSE THE CONCEPT OF ISLAM. -- BERNAMA MORE 1550/SZ

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EARLIER, KEDAH MENTRI BESAR DATUK SERI SYED AHMAD SHAHABUDDIN, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE VARIOUS FACILITIES FOR THE RURAL PEOPLE.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BUILD ANOTHER SECONDARY SCIENCE SCHOOL AT THE 14TH MILE JALAN KUALA NERANG.

DATUK SERI SYED AHMAD, WHO IS ALSO THE BARISAN NASIONAL CANDIDATE FOR PADANG TERAP PARLIAMENTARY SEAT, URGED THE PEOPLE TO COME OUT TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON POLLING DAY. -- BERNAMA 1553/SZ