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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 16³ (BERNAMA)² -- THE GOVERNMENT WILL INSTITUTE NEW REGULATIONS IN RECRUITMENT OF STAFF UNDER THE +ISI PENUH+ OPERATION.

PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY THEY INCLUDED UNDERTAKING A +LOCALISED+ APPROACH IN WHICH CANDIDATES FOR POSTS WOULD BE APPOINTED FROM AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS OR APPLICANTS.

HE TOLD REPORTERS THE NEW REGULATIONS WERE NECESSARY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF 22,000 POSTS STILL VACANT TO DATE IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

THE POSTS, WHICH INCLUDED 11,000 IN THE +D+ OR IMG GROUP, WERE STILL VACANT BECAUSE OF VARIOUS FACTORS SUCH AS THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TOWARDS CERTAIN POSTS AND PRACTICE BY SOME PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR POSTS WHEN THEY ALREADY HAD JOBS.

THESE THINGS HAMPERED PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATIONS.

IT WAS NOT UNUSUAL FOR AUTHORITIES FOR EXAMPLE TO RECEIVE A SACK FULL OF APPLICATIONS FOR ONLY TWO POSTS, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA MORE 1620/1B

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THE DIFFICULTIES WERE COMPOUNDED WHEN APPLICANTS CALLED FOR INTERVIEW FAILED TO TURN UP AND OTHERS SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR APPLICATIONS REJECTED THE OFFER.

TO A QUESTION, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE VACANCIES WERE FOR POSTS APPROVED AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS A NEED FOR THESE STAFF.

+UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ONLY DID THESE POSTS REMAIN UNFILLED, NEW POSTS WERE ALSO CREATED TO FURTHER AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION.+

ON THE GOVERNMENT MOVE TO CARRY OUT A STUDY ON MALAYSIAN STUDENTS ABROAD, HE EXPLAINED IT WAS AIMED AT OBTAINING INFORMATION ON ALL ASPECTS OF OVERSEAS EDUCATION INCLUDING THE COURSES PURSUED BY THE STUDENTS AND THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXPENDITURE.

HE HOPED ALL MALAYSIAN STUDENTS ABROAD COOPERATED WITH THE MOVE BY FURNISHING COMPLETE DATA FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STUDY.

+IF THEY REFUSE TO COOPERATE, THEN THEY CANNOT FAULT THE GOVERNMENT IF THEY DO NOT BENEFIT FROM ANY PROGRAMME OR AMENITY TO BE PROVIDED IN FUTURE.+ -- BERNAMA MORE 1623/1B

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID SUCH A STUDY WAS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF MALAYSIANS STUDYING IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE STUDY WOULD ALSO HELP THE GOVERNMENT DECIDE WHETHER TO EXPAND EXISTING UNIVERSITIES IN THE COUNTRY OR BUILD A SIXTH UNIVERSITY OR TO IMPORT FOREIGN EXPERTISE FOR THE COUNTRY'S EDUCATION SYSTEM. -- BERNAMA 1625/1B