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PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THAT MALAYSIAN STUDENTS WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD RETURN HOME TO VOICE THEIR CRITICISM. THEY SHOULD NOT JOIN THE FOREIGNERS IN CRITICIZING MALAYSIA JUST TO GET A PAT ON THE BACK, HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING TO 500 MALAYSIAN STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITIES IN CENTRAL UNITED STATES AT A DINNER AND DIALOGUE SESSION HERE LAST NIGHT.

HE SAID THE BACK HOME WAS THE PLACE FOR THEM TO OPPOSE WHAT THEY FELT WAS NOT RIGHT.

HE GAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE PROHIBITED FROM DOING SO BACK HOME.

HE REGRETTED THAT THERE HAD OCCURRED A SPLIT AMONG MALAYSIAN STUDENTS OVERSEAS WHEN THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO SEND THEM TO STUDY TO GAIN MORE KNOWLEDGE THAN THE PRESENT GENERATION.

HE SAID THE STUDENTS TODAY WERE THE FUTURE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE COUNTRY AND LEADERS OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SECTORS.

THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT HE WAS SAD TO SEE THE SPLIT AMONG MALAYSIAN STUDENTS OVERSEAS BECAUSE THEY HAD PROMISED THAT THEY WOULD GO ABROAD TO STUDY. -- BERNAMA

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BEFORE THE MEETING DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MET 35 MALAYSIAN STUDENT LEADERS FROM UNIVERSITIES IN CENTRAL UNITED STATES.

IN THE DAYTIME 250 MALAYSIAN STUDENTS GAILY WAVED THE MALAYSIAN FLAGS AND DISPLAYED BANNERS WELCOMING THE PRIME MINISTER AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DA SITI HASMAH ON THEIR ARRIVAL FROM NEW YORK

THE COUPLE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDEEN AND MALAYSIA'S AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, DATUK LEW SIP HON.

IN CHICAGO THE PRIME MINISTER MET ENTREPRENEURS FROM AMERICAN FIRMS IN CENTRAL UNITED STATES AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS REGARDING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MALAYSIA.

TODAY THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS DELEGATION LEAVE FOR TOKYO ON A PRIVATE VISIT. -- BERNAMA

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