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FROM AHMAD REJAL ARBEE '84 P

CAIRO, DEC 15 (BERNAMA) -- THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PROVIDE THE YOUNG WITH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO EQUIP THEM FOR THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY TO ENSURE ITS CONTINUED PROGRESS AND STABILITY

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THAT WAS WHY THE EDUCATION PREPARED FOR THEM COVERED ALL FIELDS OF KNOWLEDGE LIKE SCIENCE, MEDICINE, ENGINEERING AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES.

SPEAKING TO ABOUT 700 MALAYSIAN STUDENTS IN THE HALL OF THE NEW ABBASIYAH HOSTEL HERE TODAY, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO SEE A GENERATION OF FUTURE LEADERS THAT HAD A COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION.

RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE ALONE WAS NOT ENOUGH TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE CHALLENGE, OF LEADING THE COUNTRY.

HE ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY AMONG THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE MUSLIMS. -- MORE

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THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THIS UNITY DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF SOME PEOPLE OUT TO OBSTRUCT THE MOVE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR GAVE AN UNDERTAKING TO MALAYSIAN STUDENTS OVERSEAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD EXTEND THEM ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE BUT POINTED OUT THAT NOT ALL REQUESTS COULD BE MET CONSIDERING THAT MALAYSIA HAD 58,000 STUDENTS ABROAD.

ON RECOGNITION OF DEGREES, HE SAID THE MATTER WAS BEING STUDIED AND HE WAS CERTAIN THAT A DECISION, ESPECIALLY ON SEVERAL COURSES IN AL AZHAR UNIVERSITY, WOULD BE REACHED SOON.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO TOUCHED ON THE PROBLEM OF STUDENTS IN CAIRO BEING GROUPED TOGETHER ACCORDING TO THEIR STATES AND ACCOMMODATED IN HOSTELS BELONGING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES.

THIS HAD RESULTED IN LACK OF COMMUNICATION AMONG THE STUDENTS OF THE DIFFERENT STATES AND HE SUGGESTED THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENTS STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ALLOWING STUDENTS FROM OTHER STATES INTO

THEIR HOSTELS. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT THE BUMIPUTRA MALAYSIA FINANCE CASE AND EXPLAINED WHY A ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY COULD NOT BE SET UP.

THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE AFFAIR HAD SUBMITTED THREE REPORTS -- THE FIRST ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION AND THE OTHER TWO ON INVOLVEMENT OF CERTAIN PEOPLE IN GIVING OUT LOANS WITHOUT APPROVAL.

ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE GUILTY OF ANY OFFENCE ONCE POLICE INVESTIGATIONS WERE COMPLETED.

BANK BUMIPUTRA WAS WORKING TO RETRIEVE PART OF THE \$2 BILLION LOAN AND THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS.

EARLIER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR VISITED AN AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURE FACTORY IN HELWAN BEFORE LEAVING FOR BAMAKO IN MALI AT 12 NOON (6 P.M. MALAYSIAN) -- BERNAMA

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