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FORMER CPM MEMBERS APPLY TO RETURN HOME

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the government has received applications from former members of the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) to return to this country.

They would only be accepted back if investigations showed that they were no longer a threat to Malaysia, he added.

He said this to newsmen when asked to comment on news reports that 13 former CPM members had returned to Malaysia unconditionally in the middle of last month.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir earlier gave away prizes to winners of the Goodwill Photogrphy Competition.

Yesterday, Eukit Aman Special Branch director Datuk Zulkifli Abdul Rahman said that the 13 were among 421 former CPM members including party secretary-general Chin Peng, who had applied to return to their families in Malaysia.

The Prime Minister said their applications were being processed by the police. -- Bernama

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