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EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS COLLECTING DATA TO HELP ATTACHMENT TEACHERS

KOTA KINABALU, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- The state education departments are collecting data from attachment teachers whose contracts have been terminated with a view to helping them secure places in teacher training colleges, Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

He said the contracts of these teachers were terminated as the teacher training colleges were producing enough teachers for the schools.

"In Sabah, the contracts were terminated because it is not fair for the students to have untrained teachers," he told reporters after presenting a paper at the Barisan Nasional (BN) Youth national convention, here.

He said the students' performance would be affected if the situation was not checked.

The move was also in line with the government's policy to upgrade the qualifications of teachers in keeping with the students' improved performance, he added.

However, he said, there was more flexibility regarding the qualifications of potential trainee teachers in Sabah to enable more locals to take up teaching.

Najib, who is also Umno vice-president, said the BN Youth must be committed to making a success of the vision advocated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

They should also concentrate on improving their skills in information technology (IT) to strengthen themselves.

"My hope is that the Youth leaders are able to understand the BN's true struggle and to continue with their contributions," he said.

Earlier, he held a closed-door meeting with about 400 delegates from all the BN component parties to discuss education and leadership.

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