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TEACHERS WARNED OF DISMISSAL FOR DRAGGING POLITICS TO SCHOOL

KUALA TERENGGANU, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Teachers have been warned that they may face disciplinary action or even dismissal if they bring their political ideology to school purely for their personal political interest.

Deputy Education Minister Datuk Mohd Khalid Yunus said the ministry had received reports from the states about several teachers who were involved in such activities.

He said the ministry's disciplinary committee was scrutinising the reports and stressed that action would only be taken when such reports were substantiated with concrete evidence.

"We don't want the environment in schools to be polluted by unhealthy elements and involve school children in political activities," he told reporters after officiating the formation of the Parent-Teacher Association of Sek Men Keb Kompleks Gong Badak, here today.

He said the ministry was not questioning the individual's right to indulge in politics but not to the extent of dragging politics to school such as bringing the paper "Harakah" (Pas' official organ) and other literature purely to influence students to hate the government.

Khalid, however, pointed out that although it was claimed that many teachers were involved in politics including supporting the opposition, there were also many teachers who were still loyal and discharged their responsibilities as educators.

"Don't think that those (teachers) supporting the opposition can do as they like in school when there are also teachers supporting the government, and if they (teachers supporting the government) too do likewise, what will then happen to the school," he said.

The deputy minister said parents should also play a role to ensure that their children received proper education and not one that was cluttered with other things.

"If the children's mind are cluttered with other things which are not related to their studies, the present generation would be spoilt and they will not achieve excellence in their education," he said.

Khalid also said that the upgrading of Institut Teknologi Mara to a university should not be turned into a political issue as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had explained that the policy on student intake would not be changed.

Yesterday, Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM) president Dr Syed Husin Ali said Universiti Teknologi Mara should be opened to all races because restricting the university to Bumiputeras only would have an adverse implication on racial ties in the country in future as other communities might also insist on setting up their own university.

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