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A NEW condition may be imposed on students seeking entry into universities to ensure that they do not get involved in anti-government activities, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said students will be warned upon entry that they will be expelled if they take part in anti-government activities.

Dr Mahathir said the Government is considering introducing this condition to ensure that undergraduates concentrate on studies.

He said this when asked on the increasing problem of student activists in campuses, the arrest of two student activists under the Internal Security Act and the presence of student groups whose activities are getting increasingly aggressive.

"We need to take action... maybe in future, we will only select students who really want to study.

"We want to impose a condition for those entering the universities that if they do not concentrate on their studies, they will be expelled."

He expressed disappointment that some undergraduates, particularly Malays, are not bothered about their studies anymore.

Instead, they consider the university as a centre for them to rally students against the Government.

"Some Malay students enter universities not to study but to get involved in anti-government politics," he told reporters after visiting development projects in Langkawi.

"They can go against the Government, but we have found that their activities have gone overboard and have become a threat to national security."

Dr Mahathir said those who get involved in anti-government activities do not care less about the huge amount of money the Government is spending on them.

"So, what is the purpose of us spending a lot of money if they do not want to study?" he said. — NST