

Student activists warned

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LANGKAWI: The Government will not hesitate to expel student activists who neglect their studies and get involved in anti-government activities.

Giving the warning, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said such activities had recently become rampant, especially among Malay students.

The Prime Minister said they appear to be entering universities solely to go against the Government and their activities had become out of control of late.

"Their activities will threaten national security. That's why we have to take action," he told a press conference at the end of a two-day visit here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was commenting on the recent arrests of Institut Kemahiran Mara student Khairul Anuar Ahmad Zainudin and Universiti Ma-

laya's students council's president Mohamad Fuad Mohd Ikhwan under the Internal Security Act.

"Perhaps, in the future, the Government will sieve

through the applications for entry into universities and only admit those who are really interested in studying.

"Many students do not realise the amount of money

spent by the Government to set up universities.

"They do not care about the money spent for their sake.

"They treat universities as a centre to gather students to

fight the Government. So, what's the point of us spending so much if they don't want to learn?" he added.

In Alor Star, M. MAGESWARI reports that Universiti Utara Malaysia considered the arrests of the two students as being "in line with the law for security reasons".

UUM vice-chancellor Datuk Prof Dr Ahmad Fawzi Mohd Basri said the people should understand that the ISA does not place exemptions between students and non-students in matters pertaining to national security.

Dr Ahmad Fawzi said UUM monitored the activities of its students and it believes it does not have "radical" students at its campus.

"Do not make the university a political institution because there are many other venues for politics. Let universities be a pure place to educate the people," he said.