

Universities act may be reviewed

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Mahathir, who is also the finance minister, was speaking at a press conference after chairing the last session of the pre-budget dialogue here.

Earlier, in his speech, Mahathir said the stricter regulations would ensure that students do not use universities as a centre for activities that are not related to their studies.

"If they think that while on campus, they can use the university's facilities for activities which are not related to their studies, then we will have to expel them," he said.

He said the government feels that it should be stern on this matter although there will be criticism from certain people.

Mahathir said students, who will form the crucial manpower of the future, must be disciplined and focus only on education.

Expulsion for
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By **Ferida Abdul Kudhus**

PUTRAJAYA, Sat: The Universities and University Colleges Act (UCA) may be reviewed to deter students from negative activities, the prime minister said today.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said apart from the UUCA, other related regulations may also be reviewed.

"We may or may not amend (the laws). If we find that we need only to change certain regulations, then we may not amend the act at all," he said.

"We want to ensure that the people's money, which is for education so we can give the younger generation a head start, is not wrongly used."