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UMNO YOUTH TO HELP STUDENTS PAY EXAMINATION FEES

KOTA BAHARU, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth has promised to help 600 poor students in Gua Musang pay for their Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) and Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examinations fees.

A member of the Umno Youth education bureau, Rustam Affandi Maktar said the movement will source funds to help pay for the students examination fees in order for them to continue with their studies.

"Umno Youth felt it necessary to investigate and help the students pay for their fees," he told reporters here today.

It was reported yesterday that 600 students in three schools in Gua Musang - Sekolah Menengah (SM) Paloh, SM Bandar Chiku and SM Sungai Asap, due to financial constraints, were not able to pay the fees and may end up not sitting for the PMR and SMP examinations.

Following up on the report, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad directed all concerned to help solve the problem.

Rustam said his team will visit Gua Musang soon to investigate the matter including determining the number of students affected and why they are not able to pay the fees.

He also said Umno Youth will make an effort to help these students financially, on a continuous basis, so that they can pursue their studies uninterrupted.

"We have been directed by the chairman of the Umno Education Bureau, Dr Adhan Baba to investigate and channel immediate financial aid to the affected students," he said.

Rustam also said it was the responsibility of the Umno Education Bureau to help poor students and that it wanted to enhance its social obligation to the people. -- BERNAMA

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