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Abdul Hamid-Institutions

CHECK BACKGROUND OF FOREIGN RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS, PARENTS TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 26 (Bernama) -- Parents should check the background of religious institutions abroad before sending their children to study there, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin.

"This is so as we fear that after arriving there, there are some who do not study what they are supposed to study," he said after visiting the Yayasan Dakwah Islamiah Malaysia (Yadim) at the Pusat Islam here today.

He was asked to comment on the tendency by some parents to send their children to study at several madrasah (religious schools) in Pakistan.

Abdul Hamid said the concern arises from several cases which made use the interest in religious studies as the ticket to go abroad.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad voiced his concern over the tendency of some parents to send their children for religious studies in Pakistan's madrasah which could be used to train militants.

Abdul Hamid said so far no government sponsored students have been found to be involved in militant activities.

On Yadim, Abdul Hamid said the foundation which was set up in 1974, had given meaningful contribution to the Islamic dakwah in the country.

He said the government has agreed to allocate RM4.3 million a year for Yadim to hold its programmes.

Yadim president Datuk Haji Nakhaie Ahmad was also present.

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