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FOCUS ON STUDIES, GOVT-SPONSORED UNDERGRADS TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 14 (Bernama) -- Government-sponsored undergraduates, especially those studying abroad, have been advised to focus on their studies instead of being involved in activities detrimental to Government policies.

Deputy Education Minister Datuk Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin also urged them to finish their courses first before associating themselves with any political party.

"Despite being free to join any political party, they should finish their courses first. I hope parents advise their children on this before sending them abroad," he said after handing over RM52,300 in contributions from the Cheras Education Foundation to 170 students of Institut Teknologi Web here today.

Abdul Aziz was commenting on the arrest of 13 Malaysian students under the Internal Security Act (ISA) on their return from Pakistan last Monday.

The students had been detained by the Pakistani authorities since Sept 20 for suspected involvement in militant activities.

On the incident where a secondary school student was assaulted by 20 other students in Terengganu, Abdul Aziz said it occurred due to the influence of a political ceramah held by the opposition.

"This is what happens when you attend a lot of ceramah by the opposition, as it influences your actions. Why is that this sort of thing (assault) does not frequently happen in multi-racial States as compared to Terengganu and Kelantan?" he said.

He also regretted the call by 68 social and political organisations for Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to implement reforms within 100 days of his appointment as the Prime Minister to correct the "wrongs" during the leadership of his predecessor, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Abdul Aziz said these organisations should be thankful to Dr Mahathir for putting Malaysia on the world map.

"This happens because they are not happy to see the country achieve progress. The more progress the country achieves, the more difficult for them to achieve their ambition of governing the nation," he said.

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