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ABDULLAH ASKS M'SIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN PAKISTAN TO CHECK ON STUDENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has asked the Malaysian High Commissioner in Pakistan to find out about 13 Malaysian students being detained "for their alleged involvement in undesirable activities against the interests of Pakistan".

"I'll get the High Commissioner in Islamabad to find out about it," he told reporters after launching the Encyclopedia of Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), here tonight.

He was asked to comment on a news report from Karachi yesterday, which quoted Pakistani security officials as saying that the 13 Malaysians and two Indonesians were detained for their involvement in activities seen as prejudicial to the interests of Pakistan.

The report also said that interrogators wanted to determine if the suspects who were picked up from a religious school had links with Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network and if they were plotting attacks.

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