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PM ADVISES MALAY STUDENTS NOT TO NEGLECT THEIR STUDIES FOR POLITICS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has advised Malaysian students, especially Malay students, not to be preoccupied with politics to the extent of neglecting their studies, chairman of the Umno Clubs secretariat Datuk Mohamed Shafie Apdal said today.

He said the prime minister also reminded them of their role and responsibility to champion the lot of the race, religion and country.

"The prime minister stressed that the students must give more attention to studying and gaining knowledge than to politicking," he told reporters after the meeting between Dr Mahathir and 41 representatives of overseas Umno clubs on the sidelines of the Umno general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

Mohamed Shafie said the hour-long discussion revolved around the students duty to study and the responsibilities of the yong generation in facing the challenges of the new millennium and continuing Umno's struggle for the race, religion and country.

He said Dr Mahathir's advice, his last to the Umno clubs as party president, was an important mandate from a statesman who had contributed a lot to national development.

He said Dr Mahathir, who is also finance minister, was pleased to note that the students had raised questions on the latest issues like foreign equity participation as it showed their maturity.

Dr Mahathir assured them that the policy on 100 per cent equity by foreign investors in the manufacturing sector was aimed at increasing the country's economic growth, he said.

Meanwhile, Mohamad Nazari Ahmad, the representative of the Umno Club in Surrey, United Kingdom, said Dr Mahathir also advised them to understand Umno's policies and struggle for the race, religion and country.

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