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STUDENT POLITICS IN MALAYSIA NOT MATURE, SAYS MUSA

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- The conduct of campus elections in the country shows that most of the students are immature, Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad said today.

He said the trend in Malaysia of students favouring political parties in campus elections did not exist in student elections in other countries where the students were more mature.

"So it can be said that the conduct of student politics (here) is not so mature. I hope that some day (the students) will be mature and concentrate on issues that are more solid and more on knowledge," he told reporters at the parliament lobby here.

He said this when asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement calling on tertiary students to concentrate on their studies and not be involved in political matters.

Musa also said that attempts by some parties, especially opposition parties, to lure students into politics had affected their concentration in their studies.

"That's what we are worried about. We want the students to concentrate on their studies and at the same time know about general matters. Their attention must be on their studies," he said.

On claims of external interference like bribes to students involved in campus elections, Musa said it was up to the individual universities to monitor the matter.

He said the conduct of campus elections was subject to the rules of the universities and the ministry had no intention to obstruct the running of campus elections.

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