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SCIENTIFIC STUDY ON TEACHERS' WORKLOAD NEEDED, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- A scientific study to determine the workload of teachers in national schools should be carried out by the relevant authorities to determine the real cause of the burden, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the study would indirectly reveal the real burden borne by the teachers.

"We may go wrong if we just say it, carry out a study between national schools and national type schools (Chinese), do a scientific study," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after being asked on the allegation by the National Union of the Teaching Profession (NUTP) who said that teachers had to shoulder heavy responsibilities after attending the first convocation of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) here.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir was conferred the Honorary Doctor of Science Degree in the convocation by UTAR Council Chairman, Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali.

Also present was MCA president, Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting.

A total of 2,083 graduands received their degrees in this maiden convocation of the university.

Haslina Mohd Hassan, 24, the only Malay student at UTAR said she was happy to be able to compete with the non-Malay students there.

Haslina, who graduated in Business Management was formerly from Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM).

"Although I did not obtain first class, I had proved that I could compete with non-Malay students. I had had overcome the barrier", she said.

Haslina, from Segamat and fluent in Mandarin, said at first she was scared to continue her study at UTAR but this feeling later disappeared.

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