

Education Ministry Urge Malaysian Students In Egypt To Stay Away From Street Protests
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 3 (Bernama) -- Malaysian students have been advised to avoid areas where street protests are currently in progress, namely in Cairo and other major cities, including Faiyoum, Mansoura, Zaqaziq and Alexandria.

In a statement Tuesday, Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh urged students to stay away from any street protests, demonstrations or gatherings organised by the local community in or outside the university campus.

Students should not believe rumours, hearsay or messages through the short message services, social networks like Facebook, Twitter, blogs or email, he said.

The statement said street protests and demonstrations in the country (Egypt) had resulted in 16 deaths and injuries to 781 Egyptians in the past few days.

It said the Malaysian Embassy in Cairo also advised Malaysians residing in Egypt to be vigilant and stay away from large gatherings and demonstrations.

Idris said as a security measure an operations room would be open 24 hours a day at every governorate, Malaysian Embassy in Cairo, Dewan Malaysia Abbasiah, Student associations and other Malaysian houses.

He also urged Malaysian students to refrain from posting any comments or discuss politics about the country.

"Students must take precaution by not walking in the streets either alone or in groups and for their own safety should store away important documents like passport, identity card and valuable items safely," said Idris.

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