

**Send-Off For Egypt-Bound Students Postponed - Muhyiddin  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 16 (Bernama) -- The government has postponed sending Malaysia's Egypt-bound new students (2013/2014 session) to their destination following continued violence in that country.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in a statement Friday, said the Education ministry was negotiating with the Egyptian Higher Education ministry to allow Malaysian students to postpone their entry for one semester.

"Students who are on holiday in Malaysia including those who would be sitting for repeat examinations have also been asked to postpone their return to Egypt," he said.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister said the ministry was also negotiating with universities in Egypt to postpone the repeat examinations for a certain period, and should the situation in Egypt persist, the ministry would propose to have the examinations held in Malaysia.

He said if the crisis and unrest persisted to the extent that evacuation was necessary, the ministry would discuss with Egypt's Higher Education ministry to defer the Malaysian students' education there to the next semester.

"If the situation fails to improve and is unsafe for Malaysian students to continue their studies there, the ministry will help them find places at other universities in more secure countries and in private higher learning institutions in the country," he said.

Muhyiddin said for coordination purposes, the students' sponsors would be requested to refer to the ministry, which served as the management coordinating agency for students in Egypt.

He said the government viewed the upheaval in Egypt seriously and steps were being taken to ensure the safety of more than 3,200 students in that country.

"We pray that the situation there will return to normal soon so that the students can continue their studies," he said.

He said the Malaysian embassy in Cairo and Education Malaysia Egypt had relocated students in troubled areas to a safer region; they had been advised to remain in their respective quarters and to avoid getting involved in any rally.

To obtain accurate information on the position of Malaysian students in Egypt, parents and sponsors are advised to refer to the ministry alone and not any other student placement agencies.

Parents and students can obtain updates through 03-8870 6611 and 03-8870 6627; or via email: [egypterisis@mohe.gov.my](mailto:egypterisis@mohe.gov.my) and facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/StudentWorld/207845832591425](http://www.facebook.com/pages/StudentWorld/207845832591425).

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