

**Malaysian Students Flown Home From Yemen To Continue Studies Locally - Idris Jusoh
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 13 (Bernama) -- All Malaysian students flown home from Yemen will be registered with the Education Ministry to enable them to continue their studies at local universities, said Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh.

He said the ministry would decide on the courses and qualifications of the students based on the data obtained from them for the purpose of placements.

"The ministry will first look at their courses and qualifications, then only we can arrange their placements," he told a media conference after launching the MyMentor programme here Monday.

On the latest development of the evacuation of Malaysians from Yemen, he said 168 Malaysians were taken out of Hadramawt to Salalah, Oman, and would be flown home on three commercial flights, today.

The mission to bring home Malaysians from Aden and Hadhramawt was at its second phase, after the first was launched last Tuesday involving Malaysians in Sana'a and Hudaidah.

The civil war in Yemen worsened after the Saudi Arabian army and its Gulf allies launched a military operation to defend the government of President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi.

On the MyMentor programme, Idris said the programme, which was participated by all local institutions of higher learning, had agreed that its Key Performance Index (KPI) was to produce 230 lecturers with Master's degree and 350 high-quality research papers in six years.

Meanwhile, Monash University Pro Vice-Chancellor and President (Malaysia) Prof Helen Bartlett said the programme was a unique collaboration to produce more high quality research papers among lecturers.

"We hope the programme is not just about producing a volume of research papers, but also about creating a new culture for lecturers," she said.

MyMentor is a six-year initiative supported by the Ministry of Education aimed at developing post-doctoral research in Malaysia, in line with the National Higher Education Strategic Plan.

The initiative is being led by the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus in collaboration with the University of Southampton Campus (Malaysia) and Monash University Malaysia.

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