

Government Willing To Look Into Case Of Malaysian Medical Students In USU - Muhyiddin Bernama

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JAKARTA, April 8 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian government is willing to look into the case of medical students under the Allianze University College of Medical Science-USU (University of Sumatera Utara) twinning programme who are facing problems over arrears of fees, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said Malaysian was aware of the case but had no official information about it.

Muhyiddin, who is also the Education Minister, said if they received a complaint later, the case will be scrutinised to ensure that students do not become victims.

A total of 393 Malaysian students are pursuing medical degrees under the USU-AUCMS twinning programme introduced since 2002. The crisis cropped up when AUCMS, a private medical college in Penang, failed to remit the study fees of the students to USU despite the sponsors having made early payment to AUCMS.

However, Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) has already cleared the backlog of 115 students under its sponsorship.

According to USU, the overall outstanding fees of the AUCMS students amounted to RM7,620,025, including the fees of students sponsored by MARA and other parties.

USU is also reported to have stopped the intake of AUCMS students. The college had previously promised to settle the outstanding balance of RM3 million, but until now USU has not received it.

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