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UM Muslim students discuss issues

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - More than 200 Muslim Universiti Malaya undergraduates today attended a closed-door gathering at the university's Islamic Studies Centre to discuss the current economic and political situation.

The gathering, organised by the university's Islamic Undergraduates Association at the centre's main lecture hall, was headed by association president Zaharuddin Abdul Rahman.

Among the issues brought up were yesterday's sacking of Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, and the current economic downturn.

Zaharuddin said the 90-minute gathering was not only aimed at enlightening the students on both issues, but to obtain feedback from them as well.

"It was neither aimed at supporting Anwar's sacking nor was it to oppose Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision (to sack Anwar)," he told reporters after the gathering.

Asked on the feedback received from the students, Zaharuddin would only say that the feedback was satisfactory.

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