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UMNO YOUTH MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS IN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

KUALA LUMPUR, April 27 (Bernama) -- The Umno Youth through its Council for Undergraduates and Training (MKL) will keep tabs on certain administrators in particular lecturers in efforts to suppress anti-government activities in university campuses.

MKL chairman Zein Isma Ismail said this was necessary in view of the fact that some lecturers and administrators were involved in the "reformasi" movement.

"We demand that stern action be taken against such lecturers and administrators for inciting anti-establishment among undergraduates," he told a news conference after chairing the first meeting of the council, here.

Zein Isma said they should realise that their responsibility was to educate young Malaysians and that some of them had enjoyed government's incentive to further their studies.

Recently, several lecturers and undergraduates were found taking part in illegal assemblies which later erupted into riots after the High Court here sent former deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim to jail for six years for corruption.

The Umno Youth will also embark "Gerak Mesra Mahasiswa" programme in all public universities to strengthen ties with the undergraduates.

Zein Isma said the programme would open a two-way communication between Umno Youth and undergraduates on latest developments in the country.

He also said a 1,600-strong rally of Umno Youth and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would be held on June 1 to strengthen the movement's struggle.

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