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Student-Demonstration

VARSIY STUDENTS ADVISED NOT TO TAKE PART IN DEMONSTRATIONS

BANGI, July 29 (Bernama) -- University students should concentrate on their studies and not be influenced into joining demonstrations, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Anuwar Ali said today.

He said students were entitled to have their views on issues but should not act irrationally.

He said this when asked to comment on the involvement of some tertiary institution students in demonstrations.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad lamented the involvement of some students of public institutions of higher learning in demonstrations when their counterparts in private institutions were more concerned about their studies.

Mahathir also advised the people to stay away from a gathering planned by Datuk Seri Dr Anwar Ibrahim's supporters for Aug 4, the day the Kuala Lumpur High Court is expected to deliver its verdict on the former deputy prime minister's sodomy case.

Speaking to reporters after the launch of UKM's new logo and gallery here, Anuwar said it was difficult to prevent students from taking part in such activities but they should show maturity and steer clear of demonstrations.

UKM Chancellor the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Jaafar Tuanku Abdul Rahman officiated at the launch.

Anuwar said the logo change portrayed a new image for UKM in line with its aim to be the centre of excellence and its move towards internationalising its programmes.

The gallery displays historical documents, including classical manuscripts and Malay literary works.

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