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'No reason for Azalina to call for Anuar's resignation'

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat: The Trust for Malay Advancement (Teras) called on Puteri Umno head Azalina Othman today not to seek cheap publicity by calling for the resignation of Universiti Malaya (UM) vice-chancellor (VC) Prof Datuk Anuar Zaini, whom she said failed to maintain order in campus.

Teras president Mohd Azmi Abdul Hamid said the cause of the fire

is not known yet and making such a statement was tantamount to interfering with the investigations and administration of the university.

"There is no reason for Azalina to make such an irrational and immature statement, just to bring herself to the attention of Malaysians and other leaders," Mohd Azmi said in a statement issued here today.

He added that Anuar need not heed Azalina's call to quit but should instead continue his duties

as the university's VC and help find out the cause of the fire.

He said Teras was saddened by the fire that destroyed the university's Dewan Tuanku Chancellors yesterday and supports the stand taken by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to wait for the investigations by the Police, Fire and Rescue Services Department, Tenaga Nasional Bhd, the chemistry department and the university's administration before making any conclusions.