

# No new safety regulations for UM, says VC

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs:** Universiti Malaya will not introduce new safety procedures for its buildings as the current practice of conducting checks every six months is sufficient.

UM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Anuar Zaini Md Zain said the maintenance department had rewired some of the old buildings and they will continue the surveillance on campus.

"We have the procedures in place, but what is important is that the old buildings with lots of modern equipment must be installed with proper alarms," he said, when asked about the university's plans to prevent a repeat of the June 29 fire at the Dewan Tunku Canselor (DTC).

Anuar, however, declined comment on the findings of the investigation.

"I will not say anything because I have not received the official report . . . the media has jumped the gun by attributing the cause of the fire to faulty wiring," he told reporters after receiving donations for repairs of the DTC from the Koperasi Kedaibuku Universiti Malaya Bhd (KKUM) chairman Royal Prof Ungku Abdul Aziz.

Two newspapers quoted officials who said the preliminary probe found that a short circuit and overloading at the 35-year-old build-

ing had led to the blaze.

The preliminary report was submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the cabinet meeting yesterday, but the police have yet to conclude their investigations.

KKUM had donated RM50,007 to Anuar, bringing the total raised by UM so far to more than RM300,000.

Other contributors today included the Universiti Malaya Medical Students' Alumni (RM2,000), the cooperative staff (RM282) and the matriculation centre (RM1,000).

In **KOTA KINABALU**, Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister Senator Datuk M Kavveas said he is unaware of how two mainstream median companies had obtained the information quoting the Fire and Rescue Department.

"As far as I know, it is not from our officers and none of our officers have given any information," he told reporters after visiting the Sabah Fire and Rescue Department Headquarters here.

He said the government is still waiting for a complete report from several other relevant agencies such as the Police, the Chemistry Department, and the security company employed by UM, before making an announcement.