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Probe on errant UUM lecturers to start soon

ALOR STAR, Mon. - A committee, headed by one of Universiti Utara Malaysia deputy vice-chancellors, will begin the probe at the end of the month on lecturers who had been instigating students into hating the Government.

UUM vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Ahmad Fawzi Basri said the six-man committee had identified lecturers believed to be involved in anti-Government activities at the campus.

He said although he believed investigations should begin immediately, he had to delay them as the students were having their examinations.

"I have decided to defer the investigation although the committee had been given a list of names of lecturers believed to be involved in such activities.

"We have indentified five lecturers and we could detect more," he said, adding that investigations would take some time.

Ahmad Fawzi said the committee had been asked to propose to the university's disciplinary board the stiffest possible action against such lecturers.

"We are not talking about warnings but dismissal."

He said an initial report had been forwarded to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government would identify and remove those involved in inciting university students.

"I have received a lot of calls from lecturers and others in the teaching profession, questioning my motive. My answer is that I am doing my duty and that students should not interfere in politics," Ahmad Fawzi said.

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