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University student leaders pledge to remain non-partisan

PUTRAJAYA, Wed. - A group of university student leaders who won in the recently concluded student elections has pledged that they will remain non-partisan and will concentrate on student issues.

In the declaration signed by representatives from 14 public universities and four private universities, the students pledged to promote the culture of knowledge.

This stand came about because the students were concerned over the labelling of candidates in the student council elections as either being pro-Government or pro-Opposition.

The declaration which was read by Universiti Perguruan Sultan Idris representative Mohd Dom Ahmad was later handed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad after breaking fast and performing the terawih prayers at Seri Perdana.

The student representatives had earlier held a dialogue with the Federation of Malay Students Unions (GPMS) and the Persatuan Kebangsaan Pelajar Islam Malaysia at Kompleks Sukan Negara following which the declaration was drafted.

International Islamic University representative Zambri Md Isa also took the opportunity to voice his dissatisfaction to Dr Mahathir over the manner in which the elections were held at his university.

"I have brought up this matter with the university authorities but nothing has been done."

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