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VC SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCIDENTS, SAYS PUTERI UMNO

KUALA LUMPUR, June 30 (Bernama) -- Puteri Umno is calling for the resignation of Universiti Malaya Vice-Chancellor Datuk Dr Anuar Zaini Mohd Zain because it holds him responsible for several negative developments in the campus.

Puteri Umno pro tem chief Azalina Othman Said said the movement had nothing personal against Dr Anuar Zaini "but as the top man in UM he should be held responsible for the worrisome developments in the university, especially those which happened before the Dewan Tunku Canselor (DTC) fire."

She said the publication and distribution of the "Varsiti 2001" newsletter containing anti-government articles was one incident which was a cause for concern.

After Varsiti 2001, pamphlets instigating students to hate Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad were freely distributed in the students' residential colleges, she told reporters after acting as a moderator at a symposium in UM today.

She said the pamphlets also urged students to prevent Dr Mahathir from entering the university to attend the symposium tomorrow.

After fire destroyed the DTC yesterday, Azalina handed a memorandum to Dr Anuar Zaini calling for his resignation.

"We fear that a militant culture may take root in the universities and that no one will take responsibility when students do something (wrong)," she said.

As a political movement, Puteri Umno had the right to voice its concern on this matter, she said.

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