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Group to protest UM medical intake

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The Malaysian Hindu Youth Council will launch a signature campaign to protest Universiti Malaya's medical degree intake this year.

The university allegedly took in only one Indian student for its medical programme.

Its deputy president P. Rajendran said the signatures would be handed over to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We are surprised only one Indian student was offered a seat, compared to 16 in previous years.

"We hope the Cabinet will do something about this. This practice of meritocracy has victimised the Indian community," he said.

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu had said last week that he would bring the matter up to the Cabinet this Wednesday.

Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad had said that he would see what Samy Vellu had to say first before issuing any statements.