

## **Masked group saves Adam Adli from 'UPSI bullies'**

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Already suspended for three semesters from Universiti Perguruan Sultan Idris (UPSI), student activist Adam Adli Abdul Halim today courted 'danger' by yet again lowering a 'flag' bearing the prime minister's face.

adam adli flash mob 0Exiting a monorail station at Bukit Bintang this afternoon, the controversial student could not resist the sight of the 'flag' and had to replace it with one for academic freedom.

But soon enough, his brazen move is spotted by the the UPSI disciplinary panel. Will he escape unscathed this time?

Such were the scenes which kept shoppers and passers-by at Dataran Maybank, in Kuala Lumpur's shopping district, in suspense, as a flashmob on academic freedom was staged today.

According to a Occupy Dataran media coordinator, about 50 people, mostly students, took part in the flashmob-cum-street theatre for academic freedom.

Contacted after the event, he said the flashmob was a reenactment of what had happened to Adam Adli after he lowered a banner with the face of PM Najib Abdul Razak at PWTC last month, with a twist.

adam adli flash mob 1In the flashmob, which began at 3.30pm and lasted less than 10 minutes, five individuals wearing caricature masks of the five members of the UPSI disciplinary panel apprehend Adam Adli, who was wearing a mask of a caricature of himself.

adam adli flash mob 4"There was the vice-chancellor, two deans, the registrar and (panel head) Professor Zainal Kling.

"They bully (Adam) and push him to the ground. They do the victory dance, which is the chicken dance, twice while kicking and punching Adam," he said, describing the colourful scene.

But their victory was not to last long.

'UPSI, why you so lansi?'

As they flap their arms in celebration, someone from the crowd tells them to turn around, where they find a sizeable group of people wearing Guy Fawkes masks.

adam adli flash mob 5The group wearing the masks, used by the pro-democracy protagonist to hide their identities in the popular film V for Vendetta, converge on the five UPSI representatives.

They carry a banner which read "UPSI, y u so lansi?" (UPSI, why are you so arrogant?). The phrase is coined using the popular 'Y U NO' text message meme.

adam adli flash mob 3This sight sends the UPSI people scampering and Adam Ali is saved by the masked individuals.

According to the coordinator, there were several police personnel "observing" the flashmob but they did not stop the performance.

"They were really good (to us) actually, although I think they didn't know what was going on since it didn't really look like a protest," he said.

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