

# PM: Be critical objectively

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## Don't let emotions influence actions, students told

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**TANJUNG MALIM:** Students can be critical of the government, but they should not let their emotions influence their actions, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

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**Chit-chat:** Ismail Sabri talking with students after the launch of Keluarga Malaysia@IPT at UPSI in Tanjung Malim. — RONNIE CHIN/The Star

He said when expressing opinions, especially those related to government policies, they should base them on facts and solid evidence.

"I was asked by a student leader whether they can be critical (of the government), to which I replied yes, and there is nothing wrong there.

"But what's important is that each critical statement must be accompanied by facts and that they

should not just get emotional.

"This is important because students represent a group of people whom we have allowed to vote and elect the next leaders of the country," he said after launching the Keluarga Malaysia@IPT at Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) here yesterday.

Ismail Sabri added that many were still sceptical of the government's decision on the Undi18 issue

as 18-year-olds were still deemed too young and naïve to decide who should lead the country.

"However, we are convinced of their ability and want them to determine who deserves to become their leader," he said.

At the event, Ismail Sabri also announced the setting up of the Malaysian Family Research and Education Centre in UPSI to lead research activities and promote

the concept of the "Malaysian Family".

He said the setting up of the centre was apt as UPSI was also known as a leading institution that brings changes in the development of education.

"It is my hope that the centre will be able to institutionalise 'Keluarga Malaysia' into a hub of research, education, training and knowledge among Malaysians," he added.