

Varsity Students Gather Peacefully To Show Support To PM
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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 21 (Bernama) -- Over 500 university students gathered peacefully in front of the Higher Education Ministry here to show support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The began gathering at 2.30pm, shouting "We love the PM", singing the "Rasa Sayang" song dedicated to the prime minister, and holding banners with the words "We Love the Prime Minister."

The gathering was organised by Aspirasi, an association for Malaysian students alumni, and supported by several non-governmental organisations.

They later handed over a memorandum to Najib through the Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, which was received by Mohamed Khaled's senior private secretary Khairi A. Malik.

The group also handed over a memorandum to Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Abdullah, demanding his resignation within 14 days for attending to the students during a demonstration against the University and University Colleges Act (UUCA) at Putra World Trade Centre on Saturday.

In the incident, a student had pulled down a flag bearing the prime minister's image.

The memorandum against Saifuddin was received by his senior private secretary Mohd Nazri Noh.

Aspirasi president Mohd Shahar Abdullah said the gathering was to show support to Najib's leadership, saying "We give our undivided support to the prime minister and will go all out to fight them."

The group described the flag incident as "utterly embarrassing and an insult to all university students."

They also demanded action against the students and called on the government to defend the UUCA.

They also said that Saifuddin should be held responsible for the incident, saying his presence there was akin to giving encouragement to the anti-UUCA demonstrators.

Puteri Umno also handed over a memorandum to Mohamed Khaled, condemning the flag incident and demanding the student to apologise.

Meanwhile, Mohamed Khaled said the minister viewed the incident seriously, describing it as rude and should not be done to the country's leader.

He added that the ministry was willing to listen to the students as long as they voice their

views in a proper manner.

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