

**Umno Youth Urge Ministry To Give Jobs To UNIRAZAK Education Graduates**  
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KOTA KINABALU, Oct 28 (Bernama) -- The Umno Youth movement has called on the Education Ministry to give 152 Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK) education graduates in the state a chance to teach in Sabah's rural areas.

According to Umno Youth exco member Jamawi Jaafar, he was approached by several graduates from the institution and told of their difficulty in obtaining employment.

He said most of them were graduates from 2009 until this year but had yet to receive any offer to teach in schools in the state.

"With their knowledge in education, it would be a waste if we don't utilise it for children in Sabah," he told reporters here today.

He said after a recent meeting with the Education Minister's private secretary and special officer (teacher division) in Putrajaya, he was informed that the Education Ministry only took in and placed teachers from Teacher Training Institutes and public institutions of higher learning.

In this context, Jamawi, who is also Umno Youth Tenom division chief, urged for education graduates from private institutions of higher learning including UNIRAZAK to be given places to teach in schools, especially rural areas, to cater to the existing shortage.

"Should nothing be done about this, the Umno Youth would like the university management and the Higher Education Ministry to drop education courses from private universities to avoid students from becoming victims in future," he said.

Meanwhile, the Sabah Kadazandusun Murut Welfare and Education Association (Pekadin) wants the Higher Education Ministry and Education Ministry to review the education system of private universities, especially those offering bachelors degree in education.

Pekadin vice-president Labidah Ewit said the Higher Education Ministry should not have approved or allowed any private universities offering degrees in education should it not be recognised or pose difficulties for their graduates to get jobs as government school teachers.

"If this is true it needs to be rectified immediately. These graduates spent thousands of ringgit to take up the course approved by the Higher Education Ministry, which is unfortunately not recognised by the Education Ministry for them to be teachers...so whose fault is it?" he added.

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