

**Three BN Leaders Urge Government Not To Appeal Against Decision On UUCA**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- Three Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders have urged the government not to appeal against the Appeals Court's decision that Section 15 of the University and University Colleges Act (UUCA) is unconstitutional.

They are Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah, Deputy Youth and Sports Minister Gan Ping Sieu and Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin.

Saifuddin, who is also an Umno Supreme Council member, said the provision, which restricted the political freedom of university students, should be abolished.

"If the government does not make an appeal it will be our moral victory as we recognise the views of young people as we acknowledge Section 15 of the UUCA is no longer relevant.

"This also make it possible for us to pursue what needed to be done, that is amending the section," he said at a news conference attended by Gan, who is also MCA vice-president and Khairy, who is also BN Youth chairman, here Thursday.

In a 2-1 majority decision, the three-man panel on Monday held that Section 15 (5)(a) of the UUCA was unreasonable and violated freedom of speech.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled said on Tuesday that the Appeals Court's decision would be brought to the attention of the Cabinet before a decision is made whether to file an appeal to the Federal Court.

Saifuddin said following the Appeals Court's decision, Section 15 (5) (a) of the UUCA had become obsolete and students were now free to engage in politics.

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