

'Time to give students political freedom'

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KUALA LUMPUR: It is time to give university students political freedom and a serious re-look of the controversial Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 (UUCA), said politicians.

Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin said the movement hoped with the Court of Appeal's decision yesterday, the Government would amend the UUCA accordingly.

"This is to ensure political freedom in universities befitting of a maturing and robust democracy," he said.

PKR vice-president [Nurul Izzah Anwar](#) said the Act was created in a past that was no longer relevant to today's needs.

"The Government would do well to replace the Act with a more current and dynamic one to govern universities and higher education," she said.

MIC Youth chief T. Mohan said it was good to let university students have a clearer picture about the political situation.

"However, there should be some restrictions by the universities to ensure that the students do not neglect their studies," he said.

Separately, [Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin](#) said at the Dewan Rakyat that the Government would wait for the written judgment from the court before deciding whether to appeal or otherwise

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