

**UPSI demo: Student groups give proof of alleged police brutality**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 6 — Gerakan Menuntut Kebebasan Akademik (Bebas) and Solidariti Mahasiswa Malaysia (SMM) have handed over evidence to back up allegations of police brutality during a peaceful assembly at Universiti Perguruan Sultan Idris (UPSI) last weekend.

The evidence, along with a memorandum, was delivered to the police by Kumpulan Aktivis Mahasiswa president Haziq Abdullah Abd Aziz at the Bukit Aman police headquarters here.

“We undergraduates demand that the police investigate the matter and take action against the violence that transpired at UPSI the other day.

“The memorandum contains evidence of police brutality, testimony from victims and witnesses,” he said.

The memorandum has also been delivered to the Kuala Lumpur police headquarters as well as the Malaysian Human Rights Commission (Suhakam).

Also present was Legasi Mahasiswa Progresif (LMP) president Adam Adli, Pengerusi SMM, Ahmad Shukry Abd Razab, deputy president of Kami, Khalid Mohd Ismath, and Dr Mohd Suhaimi Mat Aris, a representative from Solidariti Anak Muda Malaysia (SAMM) and 20-odd supporters.

The police have denied assaulting student activists during the peaceful demonstration at UPSI, saying there was “no scuffle” when arrests were made.

The president of undergraduate movement Bebas, Muhammad Safwan Anang, lies unconscious in hospital after allegedly being beaten by the police last weekend. — file pic  
But an undergraduate, Safwan Anang, who was hospitalised after the student protest, has insisted otherwise.

The Universiti Malaya student was allegedly assaulted and lost consciousness in the 2.30am fracas which saw 17 students arrested.

The Movement for Academic Freedom (Bebas) chairman said he would first lodge a police report and collect evidence before taking further action.

Students and opposition politicians claimed several students involved in the demonstration for academic freedom were allegedly beaten up and arrested after refusing to heed a police order to disperse.

The demonstration followed widespread controversy over the lowering of a banner bearing the likeness of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak by Adam Adli Abd Halim, a 21-year UPSI student, outside Umno’s headquarters here last month.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein also denied claims on Twitter that there was police brutality, saying such allegations were untrue.

Adam said today he was prepared for his court case in the UPSI court on January 9.

"I am preparing to attend court for the trial of my offence in lowering Datuk Seri Najib's flag.

"We will see how far the university will use the University and University Colleges Act (UUCA)," he said.

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