

# Student activists question govt spending on New Year celebrations

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**LABUAN:** Student Activist Group of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Labuan International Campus (UMS-KAL), Pro Mahasiswa UMS-KAL has questioned the government's spending to celebrate the New Year 2016 events nationwide.

Its leader, Ashraff Nazrin told The Borneo Post yesterday that the big spending on the New Year celebrations was as if to show the country was not experiencing an

economic slump.

“Pro Mahasiswa UMS-KAL feels that the people should not be manipulated and ‘fooled’ by the ministers’ statements such as ‘planting your own vegetables’ (tanam sayur sendiri), ‘don’t eat chicken (jangan makan ayam) and others as their answers to the rising cost of living to the people, while the ministers themselves are living lavish lifestyles,” he said.

Ashraff said Pro Mahasiswa UMS-KAL had taken the initiative to distribute 1,000 brochures to the people here to make them aware about what they are going to face on this year 2016.

“The information in the brochures is urging the people to reject the overspending in the budget practised by the government even during this current economic turmoil,” he said.