

UMS graduate receives her degree at hospital

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KOTA KINABALU: While other Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) graduates received their scrolls in the convocation ceremony recently, Fatimah Faisal was hospitalised following an accident that left her paralysed.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal on Friday decided to bring a bit of cheer to Fatimah by turning up at the Queen Elizabeth 1 Hospital here to present the degree to the 23-year-old psychology graduate (pic).

Fatimah received the scroll from Shafie, who is also UMS Pro-Chancellor, at 6pm. Also present was UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr D Kamaruddin D Mudin.

Speaking to reporters later, Shafie hoped his presence would bring some

cheers to the girl.

"We present her with the degree here at the hospital to bring a little bit of joy to Fatimah," he said.

Mohd Shafie said UMS was also planning to provide some assistance to Fatimah, from Kampung Senallang, Semporna, to ease the burden of her family.

Fatimah, who aspires to be a teacher, missed the convocation ceremony held on Nov 26, after she suffered serious injuries when the car she was travelling in involved in an accident in the Likas roundabout on Nov 1.

Following the accident, Fatimah was paralysed from the neck down and unable to speak.

