

NGOs hand request for tight security at UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: Seven non-governmental organisations (NGO) yesterday presented a memorandum on security issues at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) following an alleged rape attempt in the university recently.

The memorandum, which outlines three claims, was submitted to a representative of the Chief Minister's Department at the Sabah Administrative Complex, following the alleged attempted rape of a female UMS student inside the campus on July 15.

Gabungan Mahasiswa Islam Semalaysia (Gamis) chairman Kamran Muhamad Bahron said among the demands made in the memorandum were to enhance security within the campus.

"Security, safety and well-being of UMS students is the most important issue that need to be addressed by UMS administration, including installing CCTVs and tighter security on visitors into the campus," he said.

Kamran said a date would also be made to have a meeting



Kamran showing a copy of the memorandum.

with the UMS Vice-Chancellor to discuss the matter in more details.

He added that a solidarity rally was expected to be held at the former Kota Kinabalu court compound as a sign of support for the victim on August 29 following alleged incident where a student

claimed to have almost being raped by a security guard within the university campus around midnight on July 15.

The case has been brought to the Sessions Court and will be mentioned on August 29 after the 26-year-old accused pleaded not guilty to the attempted rape.