

UMS students told to stay away from Dec 31 rally

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) students have been told to maintain the good name of the university and not take part in the planned assembly on Tuesday allegedly to overthrow the government.

The university's vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah (pictured) said students should use their spare time to prepare for their examination next week.

"I believe that UMS students are matured enough and know the good from the bad. So far, we haven't seen any activity which can tarnish the university's image," he said.

Dr Harun warned that students found involved in any illegal gathering would face legal action from the university.

However, he said, the university had not expelled any student and there had been no reports made on students taking part in such rallies.

Dr Harun also advised his students not to be taken in by rumours or news spread on the social

media on certain issues, including complaints of food poisoning at the canteen of a branch campus.

The police have reportedly issued a stern warning to individuals and groups planning to stage an illegal assembly at the Dataran Merdeka on Tuesday.

Kuala Lumpur Deputy Police Chief Datuk Amar Singh Ishar Singh was quoted as saying the police would not hesitate to arrest anyone instigating chaos under the Penal Code and Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012.

