

Stay clear of ISIS activities, warns UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: Despite the multiracial composition of the student population in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), the students, coming from different parts of Malaysia, appear to co-exist in harmony and free from the influences of ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) extremists' activities, said UMS vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah.

"To date, we have not had any reports or cases of students or staff of UMS being involved in ISIS activities.

"Should there is any (reports of involvement in ISIS activities), UMS will adopt a non-compromising stand and will not hesitate to take action against anyone who are involved," he warned yesterday.

Harun explained that in the effort to prevent such incident from taking place, UMS had organised various character-building-activities and programmes at the Students Affairs level as well as among mosque group members.

"I would like to advise UMS staff and students not to be involved in ISIS activities as the movement is considered too extreme and not in accordance with Islamic teachings, nor

does it reflect the true value of the Islamic religion," he stressed during a press conference after the handing over of permanent position offer letters to UMS non-academic-staff.

Harun congratulated the 76 non-academic-staff who had been working in UMS on a contract basis but yesterday received confirmation of being given permanent positions.

"I hope they will become more motivated in developing the university, as this opportunity is important to them not only in the context of family economy, but the responsibility to contribute to the growth of UMS," he said.