

# Police will defend present elected govt, says IGP

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KOTA KINABALU: Police will not allow any party to topple the existing government using invalid means or ways not in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, said Inspector General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar.

He said a government elected by the people can be brought down in only two ways, through a vote of no confidence in parliament or a general election.

"Apart from these two, the police will not allow any other means including holding illegal gatherings. Of course, we will safeguard the existing government because this is a job (responsibility) to ensure that the elected government is given the freedom to lead the country according to law.

"Some people try to topple the government by holding rallies and bringing people to the streets ... we do not allow that," he said.

Khalid was speaking to reporters after delivering a lecture in conjunction with the CEO@Faculty programme at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) here on Monday.

Earlier, when answering questions from students during the question-and-answer session, Khalid reminded them not to participate in illegal gatherings or activities that are illegal.

On the programme, Khalid who is also an adjunct professor, said: "Through this CEO@Faculty programme, I have been appointed by the Ministry of Education to lecture in universities."

"I'm a CEO of Universiti Sains Malaysia and we are required to give lectures on our respective fields in all universities and thanks to the vice-chancellor of UMS Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah for inviting me to give a lecture to students of UMS," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Mohd Harun said as a public university that is still growing, UMS intends to see that national security will always be upheld, especially for the younger generation.

"The world is becoming increasingly open and people are getting wider access to unlimited networks. From one angle, it is good for the development of young minds but if not controlled, unhealthy influences from external sources can spoil the present generation.

"Therefore students need to be careful and not be easily misled by propaganda that can negatively affect and damage their mindset," he said.

Mohd Harun said UMS will play an important role in shaping the mind, emotions and behaviour of students to prevent them from being caught up in violence and crime.

Also present was Sabah Commissioner of Police Datuk Ramli Din.



Khalid (second row standing fifth left) with Dr Mohd Harun (second row standing fourth left) and Ramli (second row standing sixth left) at the CEO@Faculty programme in UMS on Monday