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Stern action against errant UUM staff, students

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SINTOK, Sat. — Universiti Utara Malaysia Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Ahmad Fawzi Basri assured parents today that only a small number of university staff and students were using the campus to spread lies.

"To date, only a small number of staff and students are trying to make the campus their arena for spreading falsehood or the ideology of groups they belong to.

"UUM will take stern action against these few lecturers who use students to pursue their cause, or those who brainwashed students into being critical of the Government to the extent of inciting some to act unlawfully," he said.

Ahmad Fawzi said he would pro-

tect the image and reputation of UUM from being tarnished by a few bad elements.

He said it was necessary to stop the spread of sub-cultures that opposed intellectual values and endangered the country. The university's role as an institution of higher learning had to be defended.

Ahmad Fawzi said this in his speech at the university's 14th convocation ceremony attended by thousands of graduates and their parents.

The graduates received their scrolls from the Sultan of Kedah in a three-hour ceremony that marked the first part of a two-day convocation which will see 3,777 students graduate from the university.

On the achievements of UUM students, Ahmad Fawzi said only 20 per cent of Bumiputera students in

the university had achieved a CGPA grade above 3.0, which was the benchmark for academic excellence.

However, he said, a survey of 1,597 UUM's graduates between 1996 and 1999 showed that 92.1 per cent of them had been employed. The majority of them were employed in the private sector while many had set up their own businesses.

The study showed that 72 per cent of the students thought that co-curricular activities had taught them the value of co-operation, tolerance and discipline and helped them in their careers.

Ahmad Fawzi said the study also showed that 71.1 per cent of the students continued to be involved in various community activities after they left the campus.