



Students protest against plans to recognise UEC

KUALA LUMPUR: Some 100 student protesters gathered in the city to protest against the government's plans to recognise the Unified Examination Certificate (UEC).

A video, shared by organiser Gabungan Mahasiswa Islam Se-Malaysia (Gamis) on Facebook, shows the protesters clad mostly in black with red headbands chanting "Hidup rakyat" (Long live the people) and "Bantah UEC" (Oppose UEC) during the protest.

"We are here today, not because we are racists, but because we want to uphold our national education system," an unidentified speaker at the rally said.

According to *Utusan Malaysia*, most of the participants were students from Universiti Malaya, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Universiti Putra Malaysia.

The demonstration began at Masjid Negara, but police had barred the protesters from marching to Sogo.

The protest ended two hours later.