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Resignations will not derail universities: Jayum

KUCHING: The resignation of two United Malay National Organisation (Umno) division chiefs from the board of public universities will not affect their management, said Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) political science Prof Dr Jayum Javan.

"The chairs and members of university governing boards should be given to qualified people who can contribute to the advancement of knowledge and the university.

"Other than that, should the universities appoint new board members or chairman, it must be someone who is able to contribute to the university," said Jayum.

He was commenting on the resignation of Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan as chairman of Universiti Malaysia Sabah board of directors and Balik Pulau Umno division chief Datuk Shah Headan Ayoob who also resigned as a member of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) board of directors as well as UPM Holdings Sdn Bhd director.

Jayum opined that the two resignations by Umno members would not have any adverse effect on the two universities, adding that it was not clear what specific contribution they had brought to the institutions.

Meanwhile, Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Noraini Ahmad had also resigned from her post as Minister of Higher Education.