

None from UiTM in al-Arqam

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SHAH ALAM: Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) refuted yesterday reports that a number of its students and lecturers were involved in the al-Arqam movement.

UiTM vice chancellor Datuk Seri Prof Ibrahim Abu Shah said that based on preliminary investigations the banned al-Arqam movement did not exist in any of its campuses.

Therefore, an allegation by a former follower of the movement, Zabidi Mohamad, that some UiTM lecturers and students were involved in al-Arqam was unfounded, he said in a statement.

However, the university will set up an inquiry body to investigate the claim.

He had also sent a circular to each

campus director and department head to investigate the claim and to submit their reports as soon as possible besides.

"They (the department heads and campus directors) are also required to closely monitor the campuses," he said.

Ibrahim said it was unfair to link UiTM to al-Arqam if those involved in the movement were its former students or lecturers.

However, he said that if it was true that current UiTM lecturers and students were involved in the movement, disciplinary action would be taken against them.

Ibrahim urged Zabidi to provide details on the alleged involvement of UiTM staff and students. — Bernama