KUALA LUMPUR
University upholds student's suspension

UNIVERSITI Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) has rejected the appeal of student activist Adam Adli Abdul Halim who was suspended for three semesters for damaging the university’s reputation.

According to Malay daily Sinar Harian, UPSI deputy vice-chancellor (Student and Alumni Affairs) Junaidi Abu Bakar confirmed the decision and that the suspension had commenced.

"The case has ended," he said.

Junaidi said the appeal was not accepted as Adam Adli was convicted under Clauses 3(a)(i) and (ii), Part II, General Discipline, UPSI Rules (Student Discipline) 1999, and the punishment was enforced starting from the 2011/12 Semester II to the end of the 2012/2013 Semester II.

"The student disciplinary appeal committee had convened on March 8 and upheld the punishment," he said.

The committee found Adam Adli’s action had damaged UPSI’s interests and good name, its students and staff, as well as its public security and order.

The Legasi Mahasiswa Progresif student group co-ordinator was suspended by the university after he had swapped a flag bearing the prime minister’s image with a banner that read Liberate academic freedom in front of the Umno headquarters at Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur on Dec 17 last year.

The incident occurred during a street demonstration by university students demanding greater academic freedom for institutions of higher learning. — Malaysiakini