



Khaled: Government will consider allowing political parties to set up branches in universities [NSTTV]

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KUALA LUMPUR: The government will not discount the possibility of allowing political parties to set up branches in universities.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin said while there were no plans to abolish the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 (Auku), the government would address any loopholes or weaknesses in the act.

"Previously, amendments with regard to student freedom and university management have been carried out. Among them, we have allowed university students to join political parties whether inside or outside campus, and allowed them to contest as candidates in general elections.

"Apart from all these, it includes considering the matter raised by you, Yang Berhormat," he said, in response to a supplementary question from Muhammad Islahuddin Abas (PNI-Mersing).

Islahuddin had asked if there were any amendments that would be made to Auku to allow political parties to set up branches in universities.



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