

## Waste of time to file judicial review, says Khaled

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GEORGE TOWN: The Universiti Malaya Association of New Youth (Umany)'s plan to file a judicial review of purported guidelines for concerts at universities is a waste of time, the Higher Education Ministry said today.

Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said this was because no such guidelines have been approved.

"I have said that we have not approved any guidelines.

"So, this (filing a judicial review) is just a waste of time," he told newsmen after a visit to Oppstar Bhd here today.

Elaborating, Khaled said since there were no guidelines in place, the students' plans was futile.

"There is no such thing because I have not approved any guidelines.

"So, you want to do something which has not been approved? Why?"

"Anyway, I will leave it to the students to come out with their own guidelines," he added.

Khaled also questioned the need to politicise the matter.

"If you want to be popular, there are many ways to be popular," he said.

Umany had appealed for public donations to fund the judicial review, saying that it was needed to protect student autonomy.

It was reported that a copy of the purported guidelines had been leaked on social media.

The guidelines called for concert-goers to dress modestly and that outfits that featured Illuminati, pro-LGBT or pornographic symbols, and punk hairstyles would be banned.

Performers would be prohibited from cross-dressing or wearing attire typical of the opposite sex.

Men and women in the audience would be required to sit apart from each other.

Khaled, however, said he had no knowledge of the guidelines and no proposal had been submitted to him.

He added that the preference was for tertiary students themselves to set the guidelines and monitor the events.