

# Ministry unaware of closure plans for Uniten's Muadzam Shah campus, says Zambry

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Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Kadir delivers his keynote address during the ceremony in Universiti Malaya. -NSTP/ROHANIS SHUKRI

KUALA LUMPUR: Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Kadir has reiterated that he has not issued any directive for the proposed closure of Universiti Tenaga Nasional's (Uniten) Muadzam Shah campus.

He stressed that the ministry was not aware of any information or decision regarding the issue.

"I have not received official information on this matter, despite rumours that have circulating. I want to clarify that no direct or indirect instructions have been communicated, to my knowledge.

"I had already informed the Pahang menteri besar about this when he raised the issue yesterday," he told reporters after a ceremony to deliver the Direction for the Higher Education Ministry in 2024 address at Universiti Malaya.

However, Zambry gave his assurances that the ministry has thoroughly reviewed the matter at hand.

"My senior official has investigated the alleged rumors regarding the closure of the Uniten Muadzam Shah campus.

"As of now, it has been confirmed that the ministry has not been informed of such a matter."

Recently, the media had reported that the Pahang government had disagreed with the proposed closure of the university and had urged that the matter be reconsidered.

Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail had said this was the unanimous view of the state executive council.

"The cessation of Uniten's operations would adversely impact the local populace, particularly in terms of the education of young individuals, business opportunities, and the economic development of the region," he said.

Following that, Pahang Pas Youth information chief Ahmad Azlan Abu Bakar also called for a review of the campus closure.