Paralysed UMS graduate gets her scroll from CM in hospital

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) graduate, Fatma Faisal who was supposed to receive her scroll during the university's recent 20th convocation ceremony, has finally received it in her hospital bed.

The 23-year-old aspiring teacher who studied for a Degree in Psychology was unable to attend the convocation ceremony because she was involved in a road accident on November 1.

The tragic incident occurred as Fatma was returning home from her first day of work with her boyfriend, when the driver of a car lost control resulting in the accident, which took the life of her boyfriend and left her paralysed.

She received her scroll from Chief Minister, Tan Sri Shafie Apdal who is also the university's Pro Chancellor, in her ward at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital here yesterday evening.

Apart from presenting her the scroll, Shafie also handed out cash assistance to her.

"To cheer her up, I thought it would be nice if we can present her the scroll at the hospital. I hope this can cheer her up a little because she is suffering now, she broke her back, and her leg is paralysed."

"Let's pray for her speedy recovery," Shafie said when met at the hospital.