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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 23 (BERNAMA) -- CUEPACS AND THE FIVE NATIONAL JOINT COUNCILS (STAFF SIDE) WILL ADOPT AN OPEN MIND IN THEIR MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TO DISCUSS THE WAGE CLAIMS ISSU, CUEPACS PRESIDENT ENCIK AHMAD NOR SAID TODAY.

AS THE PRIME MINISTER HAD DEMONSTRATED SINCERITY IN WANTING TO MEET CUEPACS-NJC REPRESENTATIVES, THE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VIEWS DURING THE MEETING, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING AN NJC ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING HERE.

+WE WILL GIVE THE PRIME MINISTER AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS HIS INTENTIONS IN SETTLING THE WHOLE ISSUE, AS HE HAD INDICATED IN HIS STATEMENTS IN THE PRESS RECENTLY,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE ALSO DREW GUIDELINES TO PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE CENTRED. -- MORE

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ENCIK AHMAD WAS NOT PREPARED TO STATE WHAT WERE THE MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEEK A WAY OUT OF THE DEADLOCK.

HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT CUEPACS AND THE NJCS (STAFF SIDE) WOULD BRING THEIR ORIGINAL PROPOSALS TO THE MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

+WE WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL OFFER ON THE WAGE INCREASE CLAIMS AFTER THE MEETING,+ HE ADDED.

ALTHOUGH THE APPOINTMENT OF CUEPACS-NJC (STAFF SIDE) REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MEETING WOULD BE DECIDED AT A LATER DATE, ENCIK AHMAD SAID IT WAS QUITE LIKELY HE AND CUEPACS SECRETARY-GENERAL ENCIK JAMALUDDIN ISA WOULD ATTEND THE MEETING. --
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