

Dr M: Ahmad Nor used wage issue

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said trade unionist Ahmad Nor deliberately used the recent civil servants wage issue to gain political mileage during the latter's tenure as Cuepacs president.

Dr Mahathir said Encik Ahmad Nor tried to "turn the civil servants against the Government" to gain the support of the 800,000 civil servants in the general election.

"He wanted the civil servants to hate the Government so that when he stood in the

general election, the public sector employees will vote for him," he said at a ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of low-cost flats in Seri Gombak.

He said the former Cuepacs president also kept changing his mind when the Government wanted to solve the wage issue and thus delayed the settlement of the dispute.

"The minute he left Cuepacs, the wage issue was amicably solved. This was because the new Cuepacs leadership seriously

wanted to solve the problem and did not have any political ambition," he said.

Encik Ahmad Nor was appointed Socialist Democratic Party (SDP) president after his resignation from Cuepacs.

He is standing as a Parliamentary candidate for the Lembah Pantai seat in Kuala Lumpur and the Kelana Jaya State seat in Selangor.

Meanwhile, Encik Ahmad Nor denied that he had used Cuepacs for his own political gain.