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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLANS TO ABSORB STATE CIVILSERVICE

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JITRA, Dec 17 (Bernama) -- The state government has no plans to incorporate the state civil service into the federal civil service, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said that the federal government did not plan to make any changes to the state civil service under the five government; of the states which were formerly the unfederated Malay states.

However, the federal government tried its best to coordinate the functions of the state civil service and the federal civil service, he told reporters' after a meeting with members of Koperasi Serbaguna Kaum Ibu Kubang Pasu Timur at the cooperative's office in Lubuk Batu here.

Dr. Mahathir admitted that, because of its structure, there were problems in the state civil service.

The Prime Minister also said that the federal government had no plans to review the position of the state civil service, -- more

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Asked on state civil service officers who merely obey directives of the local authorities in the states concerned, Dr Mahathir said: +If the directive is a good directive and in line with their role, there is, no reason why they should not carry out that directive.+

However; he added that if an officer,, whether a federal or a state officer, was directed to do something in contravention of the law, they had the right to seek clarification from their bosses.

When asked to comment on the statement by Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik that he has proof on the involvement of the istana in illegal logging activities in Pahang, the Prime Minister said: +if there is proof, we would like to know, we would like to determine whether or not it is true. . .I myself would like to know.+

On his closed-door meeting with kadis from throughout the state at the Kubang Pasu district religious office here, Dr Mahathir said that he had discussions and heard their views on the role of kadis in developing Muslims in this modern world.

He said that the government felt that kadis should extend their role and not merely concentrate on teachings of religious obligations.

They should take into account the problems of -the Muslims world wide and Muslims in the country, he added.

+Muslims could surely compete with others. in this modern world,+ he said. - - Bernama

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