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CUEPACS CAN SEEK EXPLANATION FROM DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, July 28 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs can seek explanation from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the recent increase in allowances for top civil servants, Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek said today.

"If they succeed (in having a meeting with him), Dr Mahathir will explain the rationale for the increase," he told reporters after launching the Anti-Dadah Campaign organised by MCA Youth at Wisma MCA here.

Cuepacs in its meeting last Thursday decided to hold a meeting with the Prime Minister over the increase of between 50 and 100 per cent in allowances of top civil servants.

They also want to hand over a special memorandum to ask the government to increase the present housing allowance of RM90 and RM110 for some 400,000 civil servants in the lower and middle categories to RM230 per month.

On the memorandum itu, Lim said Cuepacs could submit it but time should be given to the Prime Minister time to study it.

Top civil servants, among others, receive increase in the fixed housing allowance from RM350 to RM750 previously to RM700 for Grade 1 officers and RM700 for Grade 2.

Lim said he is not involved in arranging the meeting with the Prime Minister.

He said his involvement in the recent salary adjustment was because he did not Cuepacs to resort to industrial action which could jeopardise the country's administrative machinery. -- BERNAMA

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