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CUEPACS TO MAKE ITS STAND ON SALARY ADJUSTMENT TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs will make its stand tomorrow on the government's decision to pay government employees the arrears of their salary adjustments amounting to RM2 billion before Hari Raya Puasa next month.

Its president, Encik Mohamad Mat Jid, said that it would take into account the various possibilities that would arise depending on the mode of distribution, whether in accordance with Cuepacs' distribution proposal or another formula by the Public Services Department (PSD).

"The stand will be made based on discussions by delegates attending the current Cuepacs convention," he told reporters at the end of the first day of the 20th Cuepacs Convention here today.

Mohamad said that Cuepacs' distribution proposal submitted to the PSD represented the interest of all groups of the public sector employees and changes made by the PSD would require Cuepacs to make a stand.

He said that it would represent the stand of the almost 848,000 public sector employees who were represented by the 900 delegates from throughout the country at the three-day convention.

Mohamad said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had given an assurance that the government would pay government employees the arrears of their salary adjustments before Hari Raya.

Meanwhile, Cuepacs Secretary General A.H.Ponniah said that all decisions made by Cuepacs were the unanimous decisions of the Cuepacs council representing the interest of all public sector employees and therefore the question of leaders who were radical did not arise.

"When the council makes a decision, the president and other office bearers will implement them...If that is called radical, then all the delegates representing the various public sectors here are also radical," he said.

Ponniah was commeting on the statement by Dr Mahathir at the opening of the congress today that there were one or two Cuepacs leaders who were radical and who refused to recognise the fairness of the government. --
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