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PAPER TO INTERGRATE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS READY

PEKAN, April 21 (Bernama) -- Chief Secretary to the government Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid has prepared a working paper on the proposal to intergrate all state religious schools, with the national education system.

Education Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today the government would examine the proposal especially its implications on personnel and finance.

The government had yet to decide on the proposal even though most of the state governments had agreed to it, he told reporters after opening the Al-Amin Mosque at Kampung Tanjung, Langgar, here. Also present at the function was Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

All factors had to be considered before the government could implement the proposal, he said when commenting on the statement by Deputy Education Minister Datuk Khalid Yunus on April 3 that the ministry would take over all religious schools if agreed to by state governments.

Commenting on the statement by National Union of the Teaching Professions (NUTP) recently that teachers had to do clerical work in 251 schools which had no clerks, Najib said he would look into the matter including sending clerks to those schools.

He said he too would not want teachers be burdened with clerical works.

"This situation has also created dissatisfaction among teachers when they have to do clerical job instead of teaching and thus affected the teachers' efficiency," he said.

On the proposal to increase the minimum wage of RM900 for those teachers qualifying from the teacher training colleges, he said the matter would be brought to cabinet committee on personnel, chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. --BERNAMA.

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