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EDUCATION DG MEETS NUTP OVER SINGLE-SESSION SCHOOL SYSTEM

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- Director-General of Education Tan Sri Wan Zahid Wan Nordin today held a meeting with the National Union of the Teaching Profession (NUTP) which is opposing the government's plan to implement the single-session school system.

However, both parties refused to comment on the outcome of the two-and-a-half-hour meeting held at the Education Ministry.

Wan Zahid told reporters that he would issue a statement on the matter tomorrow.

The ministry proposed to implement the single-session system in 28 schools under a pilot project at the start of the second term on June 9.

NUTP secretary-general N. Siva Subramaniam had said on Wednesday that the union would take court action against schools which implemented the single-session before the effective date.

He claimed that more than 20 schools nationwide had already implemented the system although the Education Ministry planned to introduce it only on June 9.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hit out at the NUTP for opposing the single-session system.

He said the government would go ahead to implement the system in the interest of the students although the union was against it.

He said only the union was opposing the system and not all teachers. --

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