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Mahathir-Complaints

PM TO SEEK DETAILS FROM HALIM ON COMPLAINTS AGAINST CIVIL SERVICE

LANGKAWI, March 2 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said he will seek a detailed explanation from Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Abdul Halim Ali on complaints received against civil servants.

"I feel he knows better about this matter and therefore I must obtain the information from him," the Prime Minister told reporters before leaving for Kuala Lumpur.

A newsreport today said Abdul Halim had expressed disappointment with the performance of civil servants because of the numerous complaints received against civil servants.

Dr Mahathir said if the complaints were true, steps must be taken to correct the situation.

Among the aspects that probably needed improvement in the civil service were efficiency and quality of service, he added.

Asked if he thought the clients' charter introduced in government departments had not achieved its objective, Dr Mahathir said the move had brought about some improvements in the quality of service.

"However, I feel that probably is not enough," he added.

Earlier, in his speech before presenting prizes to winners of the Asean Kart Prix, Dr Mahathir said the go-kart race is among sport events that should be participated by youngsters.

"We are always unable to compete with others, especially European and African athletes, in sport events that require energy and physical strength, but go-kart offers an equal chance to all participants," he said.

"What is needed to win is efficiency and capability in operating the vehicle," he added.

The Prime Minister believes that the participation by the youngsters would prepare Malaysians for "Formula Three" and "Formula One" motoring events in future. -- BERNAMA

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