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Dismissal

ANTI-GOVT OFFICERS FACE DISMISSAL, SAYS CHIEF SEC

CHUKAI, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- Civil servants involved in anti-government movements face dismissal as provided for under the General Order governing their conduct, said the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali.

The General Order spells out the types of action that can be taken against errant civil servants depending on the severity of their unlawful activities.

"If their unlawful acts result in serious consequences, they can be sacked," he said at a press conference here after opening a workshop on time management for 120 women civil servants from Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang today.

Abdul Halim said however so far he had not received any specific police report about civil servants involved in demonstrations in support of former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He reminded civil servants to stay away from Anwar's so-called movement for reform as the General Order required public servants to give undivided support to the government of the day.

Abdul Halim said none of those involved in anti-government movements would be exempted from being investigated upon.

"No one, especially government officers, should ignore or go against the government's wish to make Malaysia an industrialised nation or should act in a manner that can disunite society or split the civil service. This should not happen," he said.

On civil servants appealing to the government to consider again about paying them bonus this year, Abdul Halim said as far as he knew the government had yet to make a decision on the matter.

He was commenting on Cuepacs president Abdul Aziz Mohd Sultan's statement that he would appeal to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the government should consider giving government servants bonus this year.

"I'm not aware that a final decision (on the bonus payment) has been made. The matter needs careful consideration by the government taking into account the current economic situation," he said.

Wives of civil servants from the three peninsular east coast states also attended the two-day seminar.

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