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CUEPACS WANTS PRESS TO SET UP TRUST FUND

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 11 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs has called on the local press to set up a trust fund so that their readers can contribute to the recovery of the country's economy.

Its Secretary-General N. Siva Subramaniam said it could be like the recently set up Moro Widows and Orphans Charity fund and like other newspaper initiated funds to meet medical costs for underprivileged individuals.

"Malaysians are known to be generous. In the face of the nation's current economic setbacks, I am sure many readers are willing to contribute," he said when contacted today.

Last Friday Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in an interview over TV3's "Malaysia Hari ini" programme welcomed a suggestion by a caller to the programme that Malaysians donate RM10 each to a special fund to help in the country's economic recovery.

Dr Mahathir said it was a good idea but the government could not force the people to donate.

Siva said it was only fair for the people to be committed to the government's economic recovery programme as they were the ones who had benefited from Malaysia's prosperity.

He proposed that department heads in both the public and private sectors set up a fund to which their respective staff could contribute.

The money could then be given over to the government to help it turn the country's economy around. -- BERNAMA

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