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NUTP WANTS IMMEDIATE STOP TO DONATION DRIVE

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 23 (Bernama) -- The National Union of the Teaching Profession (NUTP) today called for an immediate stop on all donation drive in connection with the "economic crisis" imposed on teachers in Perak.

NUTP secretary-general N.Siva Subramaniam said the activity was illegal since any such decision must come from the Education Ministry or the federal government.

"Cuepacs has proposed a formula for collection by government, and teachers cannot be forced to donate several times," he said in a letter to Perak Education director Khairuddin Arshad.

When contacted Siva said the donation drive was made by the Perak State Education Department on the directive of the State Secretary and would be submitted to Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib tomorrow.

Siva expressed surprise on the urgency of the collection which was made without consulting the 72,000-strong union.

In his letter, Siva said the Perak Education Department should set up a think-tank to help address the economic crisis and not burden teachers.

"The NUTP will take strong action against this including reporting it to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad because civil servants especially teachers should not be victims to numerous donation drives," he said. -- BERNAMA

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