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Proposals by NUPW for new pact under way

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Work on a new collective agreement between estate workers and the Malaysian Agriculture Producers Association has begun after the old one expired last month, National Union of Plantation Workers executive secretary A. Navamukundan said today.

Navamukundan was responding to a query about the status of a group of plantation workers who staged a peaceful gathering outside the gates of the Prime Minister's Department requesting a meeting with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss monthly wages in place of their current daily wages.

A letter was handed to an officer from the Prime Minister's office at the gates.

The group - the Malaysian Support Committee for the Plantation Community - claimed the workers were being victimised through a low daily-wage structure and no annual increment or bonus.

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