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Warning

STAY AWAY FROM REFORM MOVEMENT, CHIEF SECRETARY WARNS AGAIN

KUCHING, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- The Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali has again warned government officers not to get involved in activities organised by the so-called movement for reform.

As members of the public sector they should carry out the policies and development programmes of the government of the day, he said.

"According to the police, some government officers have also been detained for joining the so-called movement for reform promoted by groups objecting the dismissal of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the Cabinet," he said.

Abdul Halim was addressing a dinner in his honour attended by heads of the various federal departments and agencies in conjunction with his three-day visit to Sarawak.

Also present were Sarawak State Secretary Tan Sri Hamid Bugo and the Federal Secretary for Sarawak Datuk Megat Muhaiyaddin Megat Hassan.

Abdul Halim said the appointment or dismissal of members of the government was the full prerogative of the Prime Minister.

He said it was not for civil servants to question such right of the prime minister and those in disagreement could leave the service.

Abdul Halim said civil servants would have to be more committed towards carrying out their responsibilities especially at a time when the country was facing economic difficulties.

"They should indeed concentrate fully on attaining one per cent growth next year as announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when tabling the 1999 national budget in Parliament yesterday," he added.

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