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TERENGGANU TO STILL OBSERVE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AS A HOLIDAY

KUALA TERENGGANU, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- The state government has no plans to change its decision to fix the first Saturday of each month as a holiday instead of the first Thursday, to be observed as a holiday by federal government staff, Deputy State Secretary (Administration) Datuk Syed Ahmad Syed Kassim said today.

He said the state government felt that a Thursday was not suitable as the monthly holiday because it is a schoolday.

The state government's decision was in line with the wish of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to have a monthly holiday observed to encourage domestic tourism and nurture a caring society.

"In the West Coast, Saturday is not a schoolday and therefore suitable (for the monthly holiday) but in Terengganu, we think it not appropriate altogether as it is a schoolday," he told Bernama, here.

He was commenting on a Bernama report yesterday that government employees in the state are confused over the state government's decision to fix the first Saturday of each month as a holiday.

State Secretary Datuk Baharuddin Ismail, in a circular dated Dec 23, and distributed to government departments in the state, said the decision was reached in a state executive council meeting on Dec 16.

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