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`Unhealthy' activities of NGOs uncovered

MALACCA, Sat. - Cuepacs today exposed the activities of some non-governmental organisations which hire foreigners to give talks on human rights and the country's economic condition.

The sessions were conducted for workers from the private and public sectors.

Cuepacs president N. Siva Subramaniam said the NGOs, which received financial assistance from "foreign elements", conducted the talks and workshops to instil hatred among workers towards the present leadership.

Their motive was also to create instability in the country, he said.

"The irony is that they invite foreigners who come from countries which do not practise human rights and democracy.

"These speakers do not know anything about human rights and the economy but are talking to our workers on such matters."

Expressing his concern, Siva Subramaniam said Cuepacs and its affiliates had been told to keep tabs on activities of members.

He also said Cuepacs was working with the Home Ministry and other enforcement agencies with regard to the NGOs' activities.

Saying that the matter was brought to his attention by Cuepacs members only recently, Siva Subramaniam reminded some 800,000 civil servants and workers in the private sector of their role in ensuring stability and prosperity of the country.

To counter such activities, Cuepacs leaders would go on a nationwide tour starting this month to speak to members on the present leadership and government policies.

Siva Subramaniam, who is also the National Union of the Teaching Profession secretary-general, said for a start, 1,000 NUTP members would be briefed on the matter in a dialogue to be held in Malacca next week.

He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia was respected worldwide.

"The positive action by the Government to look into our proposals for a salary review of civil servants and others only shows its concern and sensitivity. We must appreciate what it has done for us," he said when met at a hotel in Bandar Hilir today.

Siva Subramaniam was in Malacca to celebrate the NUTP's 25th anniversary with other leaders of the union.

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