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BANKS AND POST OFFICES SHOULD CLOSE ON SECOND SATURDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 4 (Bernama) -- The Federation of Malaysian Consumer Associations (FOMCA) today requested post offices and commercial banks to move their Saturday/Thursday public holiday in the first week of the month to the second week so as not to coincide with the holidays of civil servants.

FOMCA president Prof Datuk Hamdan Adnan said he had received complaints from the public saying that the Saturday/Thursday holiday was the time when civil servants and other members of the public conduct their personal transaction and business.

"I suggest that the post office and commercial banks take their day off in the second week or other weeks for the benefit of the public," he told Bernama.

The move would also benefit the post office and commercial banks as well, he said.

The Association of Banks in Malaysia and Pos Malaysia Berhad recently announced that the first Saturday of the month would be a holiday for states with Sunday as a public holiday while the Thursday of the first week of the month a holiday for states with Friday as a public holiday.

During the budget session in the Dewan Rakyat last year, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced a one day public holiday for the first Saturday of each month to encourage the tourist industry.

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