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BUILD MORE LOW-COST HOUSES, SAYS CUEPACS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs today urged state governments to emulate the federal government by building more low-cost houses to ease the housing problem of low-income earners.

"Cuepacs is not satisfied with the number of low-cost houses built compared with luxury units," Cuepacs president N. Siva Subramaniam said in a statement here.

Cuepacs, the umbrella body for public service unions, however, welcomed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that the government would build low-cost houses in Kuala Lumpur.

Last Saturday, Dr Mahathir said the government would rent these units to the low-income group to complement the low-cost housing projects undertaken by developers.

Siva said housing was a serious problem as civil servants had to spend up to half of their monthly salary on house rental.

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