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CUEPACS WELCOMES ASSURANCE ON BONUS PAYMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 11 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs today welcomed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that the Barisan Nasional will honour the minimum RM1,000 or one month bonus and 10 per cent pay increase for civil servants if it is returned to power in the general election.

Cuepacs secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan said the Prime Minister's assurance showed that the government was paying serious attention on the civil servants in particular and people in general.

"The announcement is a relief to the people and civil servants, who became confused with proposals in the Budget 2000 after the Parliament was dissolved today," he said in a statement here.

First Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin announced the bonus payment and pay hike for civil servants when tabling the Budget 2000 in Parliament last Oct 29.

Abdul Rahman said Cuepacs called on civil servants at all levels to continue giving their best effort while undertaking their tasks in response to the government's contribution and continue supporting the government of the day.

"Civil servants cannot mix politics with the government administration as this will jeopardise the government's administrative affairs," he said.

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