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CUEPACS AGAINST PAS MOVE TO STOP WOMEN FROM WORKING

KUALA LUMPUR, March 18 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs is strongly opposed to any move to stop women from working as this will be a denial of the basic rights of women, its president Siva Subramaniam said today.

He said women formed a sizeable portion of the work force in the world and they had proved their abilities as leaders at all levels including the international level.

Commenting on the statement by Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat that his PAS government was considering the possibility of stopping women from working, Siva said, "some irresponsible men have forced their wives to work to feed not only their children but also the husbands."

Siva was speaking to reporters after heading a 30-member delegation from the Cuepacs Central Working Committee for a meeting with First Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin here,

On the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the slander and threats against the government and its leaders had become a national security problem, Siva said in light of this the people should strengthen their unity which had always been a bulwark against threats.

He said the slander issue should not be left to the police and other agencies to be resolved as all Malaysians should also play their role and not subscribe to such allegations more so over the Internet and foreign publications.

"The important thing is the people should maintain unity which we all value...and support the leadership of the Prime Minister," he said.

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