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Employees urged to respond positively

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KUCHING, Sun. - Defence Minister Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha today called on employees of the Armed Forces Superannuation Fund to respond positively to the government's decision to proceed with the long-awaited salary adjustment for staff of five statutory bodies.

He said the decision, which was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Friday, showed that the government was sensitive towards the welfare of the employees.

"It is hoped that all members of LTAT will continue to discharge their responsibilities efficiently so as to uphold the good image of the organisation and also to help armed forces personnel, whether retired or otherwise," he said.

Abang Abu Bakar said this in a statement issued to the Press after he had opened the 6th triennial general assembly of the Islamic Welfare Association (Perkis) at the Telekom Training Centre here today.

He added that executive employees would be receiving a "topping up" of RM200 per month while non-executives would get RM150 per month with arrears dating back to Jan 1, 1995.

For LTAT, Abang Abu Bakar, who is also Perkis president, said the salary adjustment would benefit a total of 148 employees, comprising 70 in the executive category and 78 non-executives.

"With this decision (salary adjustment), it is understood that the intention to picket on June 7 by union members of LTAT has been cancelled." A total of 10,892 employees will benefit from the salary adjustment costing RM92.4 million.

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