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GOVT TO REVIEW GUIDELINES FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- The Cabinet has agreed to revise the guidelines on places of worship for non-muslims issued by the Housing and Local Government Ministry last year.

Malaysia Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism General-Secretary R. Thiagaraja said the Cabinet's decision was conveyed by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in a recent meeting with the council members.

He said Abdullah informed them that the Cabinet had also agreed to consider proposals from various non-muslim religious organisations before a revised guidelines were released.

The council sent a memorandum to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Aug 30 rejecting the guidelines and appealed for his intervention, he said in a statement today.

He said the council had formed a special committee to look into the matter and is expected to send its proposals to the government in two weeks.

Thiagaraja also said various issues were discussed in the meeting with Abdullah.

Among them are the setting up of a national religious advisory council by the Prime Minister's Department comprising representatives of muslim and non-muslim national bodies.

The council also assured full cooperation for projects to solve issues on social ills, he added.

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