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MTUC CALLS ON PM TO ACT ON WORKERS' CONCERN

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) has urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to hasten action on various outstanding issues concerning workers and trade unions.

In a memorandum to Dr Mahathir, the congress sought his urgent attention to tackle pressing issues such as reviewing public sector wages every three years, increasing access to decent housing, reviewing privatisation inefficiencies, supporting workers' right to organise, and introducing a minimum wage.

MTUC secretary-general G.Rajasekaran said in a statement today that the congress responded positively to the prime minister's call to support government efforts to effectively address the economic crisis.

"We are pleased to report that despite mounting pressure from union members, MTUC affiliates heeded our call to adopt restraint and maintained industrial peace.

"We are indeed pleased that the measures taken by the government has helped to turn around the economy within a short time.

"We, therefore, urge the government to take positive steps to address the issues affecting working people," he said.

The five-page memorandum signed by Rajasekaran and MTUC president Zainal Rampak was delivered to the prime minister's office on Monday.

It outlines the minimum request of the trade union movement following a series of consultations between MTUC and its 180 affiliates representing 420,000 organised workers.

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