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MTUC URGES AH LEK TO INTERVENE IN HSBC-NUBE DISPUTE

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) has called on Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek to intervene in the current dispute between the HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad and the National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE).

MTUC president Senator Zainal Rampak said the minister's intervention might bring an amicable settlement to the arbitrary dismissal of 15 customer service representatives (CSR) from the bank without even a domestic inquiry being conducted.

"The MTUC expresses its serious objection over the bank's obstinate attitude of dismissing its workers without going through proper legal process in blatant violation of the collective agreement entered into between HSBC and NUBE," he said in a statement here today.

Meanwhile, the Subang Jaya Town Centre (SJTC) MIC branch today launched "a million signatures" campaign against unethical layoffs and retrenchments.

The chairman of MICSJTC Consumers Arbitration, Advocacy, Redress and Service Centre, Dr Jacob George said in a statement that the campaign is aimed at amending the present provisions in the Employment Act to put on "fast track" such industrial relations cases for punitive sanctions against management groups indulging in such behavior.

The signatures would be sent to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek for further action, he added.

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