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NUPW WANTS POLLING DAY TO BE DECLARED A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- The National Union of Plantation Workers (NUPW) has urged the government to declare polling day on Nov 29 as a public holiday.

Its secretary-general, G.Sankaran, said the union sent letters to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek, regarding the matter three days ago.

"Estate workers in every elections have traditionally cast their votes for the Barisan Nasional. As such, we hope once again they will be able to express their aspirations in a smoother way," he told Bernama, here, today.

Sankaran said estate workers who are paid daily wages would face a lot of difficulties to vote if they were not given a holiday on polling day.

"If not a holiday, estate workers will have to go to work in the morning and will miss their chance to vote if the weather is bad in the afternoon," he said.

The NUPW, the only plantation union in the country, represents the interest of some 250,000 plantation workers.

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