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STU Instigation

SARAWAK TEACHERS NOT INCITING STUDENTS- UNION

KUCHING, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- The Sarawak Teachers Union (STU) has not received any complaints of teachers instigating students to oppose the government or national leaders, its president William Ghani Bina said today.

He said that STU, the biggest trade union in East Malaysia with 14,000 members statewide, had always maintained good relations especially with the Sarawak Government.

At present STU was also the second biggest affiliate of Cuepacs, the umbrella body of public sector unions in the country.

"I am very sure that members will continue to toe the line as it is our policy to support the government's policies," Ghani Bina told a news conference here.

Yesterday Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said in Jitra that a handful of teachers in the country were involved in politics by inciting students to go against the government.

He had said that the teachers' instigation was damaging as the students could no longer be bothered about pursuing knowledge and only cared about politics.

Ghani Bina said that it would be unfair for teachers and college professors to discuss party politics to influence their students as such a campaign went against the teaching profession.

He urged the 25,000 teachers in Sarawak to practise the "people's politics" by registering as voters.

Parents should also monitor their children's extra curricular activities so that they would not become a problem to society, he said.

He said any teacher or student found to be involved in anti-government activities would be referred to the Education Department.

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