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Students

SET UP COMMITTEE TO STUDY STUDENTS' WEAKNESS, SAYS CEUPACS

KANGAR, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- The country's largest public sector employees union and an influential students' association have separately proposed that a government special committee be set up to study reasons for Malay students' poor performance in studies.

In making the suggestion, Cuepacs president N.Siva Subramaniam said the union would list down possible reasons and suggest to the government the approach for overcoming them.

According to him, even the Malay students' diet had been identified as a contributory cause for their weakness in studies.

Siva was speaking at a press conference here today after opening a public sector salary revision seminar.

"Without the participation and contribution of the Malays national development will be meaningless," he said.

During a recent school function in Kedah last month, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made an emotional plea to teachers and parents to strive harder to make Malay students perform better in the studies.

He was saddened that Malay students were generally preoccupied with activities not related to acquiring real knowledge and scoring scholastic excellence.

In KUALA TERENGGANU, GPMS, the confederation of Peninsular Malay students, said the proposed committee should comprise policy makers, educationists, academicians, teachers' and students' unions.

GPMS secretary-general Syed Anuar Syed Mohamad said the proposed committee should be set up immediately and its recommendations be implemented urgently.

"A formula for a more effective approach is badly needed to arrest the slide in the performance of Malay students which has reached a critical level," he told Bernama.

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