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CUEPACS SEEKS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER OVER RETIREMENT AGE

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs will seek an appointment with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad after he returns from leave to discuss the proposal to extend the mandatory retirement age to 58.

Cuepacs President N.Siva Subramaniam said today the congress would put forward additional reasons for consideration by the Prime Minister who would be on leave from Jan 12.

A newspaper today reported that the Cabinet had rejected the Cuepacs' proposal and that the retirement age would remain at 55.

"The newsreport quoted sources. We have not been officially informed by the Government of its decision on this matter," he told Bernama.

Siva said Cuepacs would propose that the government decide one year before the civil servant's retirement whether his service should be extended for another three years or end at 55.

He said the government could have the option to terminate his service at anytime during the three-year period in the interest of the civil service or the individual's health condition without losing all his retirement benefits.

Siva said that every year more than 12,000 civil servants left the service on attaining the age of 55, resulting in the government making big allocation for the payment of gratuities and other benefits.

Meanwhile DAP vice-president, Dr Tan Seng Giaw said the Public Service Department (PSD) should prepare a report on the pros and cons of extending the retirement age and present it to Parliament.

He said the Government should take the issue seriously and urged the PSD to form a special committee to study this matter.

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