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TRADE UNIONS SHOULD NOT BE LUMPED TOGETHER WITH NGOS- CUEPACS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 9 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs has asked the government not to categorise trade unions in this country under Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), its president N.Siva Subramaniam said today.

Trade unions should have their own identity and be distinct from NGOs to prevent NGOs from taking over the role of trade unions, he said in a statement.

"Lately there had been instances of NGOs portraying themselves as champions of workers and taking over the functions of the unions."

He said everyone should be vigilant to the actions of certain NGOs which had their own motives and agendas to serve.

He also urged the Government to hold negotiations on matters pertaining to workers only with registered trade unions.

Siva Subramaniam also said the government had been requested to recognise Cuepacs as the only trade union representing public sector employees involved in collective bargaining.

He said Cuepacs had recently appealed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to accord official recognition to Cuepacs.

He said such recognition was appropriate as Cuepacs had proved that it was a fully responsible union when the country was going through the economic downturn.

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