

Civil servants have to sign agreement

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — The Cabinet has made it compulsory for civil servants, lecturers, and undergraduates to sign an agreement (*akujanji*) with the Government after learning there were those who did not abide by the General Orders.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the agreement would help civil servants to be more responsible.

“We have learnt that there are those who did not abide by the General Orders,” he said at the Parliament lobby today.

He was asked to comment on a report today that more than 950,000 civil servants, lecturers and undergraduates would have to sign the agreement after Cabinet approved it last Wednesday.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim said yesterday the agreement was to ensure that all civil servants were more responsible and professional in carrying out their duties.

He said it was also meant to deter them from participating in negative activities.

The agreement was proposed only for lecturers and undergraduates to ensure they were not involved in attempts to poison the minds of other students against the Government.

However, Dr Mahathir said there would be no amendments to the Universities and University Colleges Act and that the agreement would only be enforced through normal regulations.