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Cuepacs opposed to proposal

MALACCA, Sun. - Cuepacs today opposed the Education Ministry's proposal to make it mandatory for teachers to sign an agreement of good conduct.

Cuepacs secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan said the congress felt that existing regulations governing public servants, including the code of ethics, were adequate to ensure that teachers did their job properly.

He said appropriate action could be taken under existing provisions if government staff violated these regulations and were not supporting government policies.

Abdul Rahman was speaking to reporters after the opening of the Malacca Civil Servants Union annual general meeting by State Legislative Assembly Speaker Datuk Amid Nordin today.

Yesterday, Deputy Education Minister Datuk Abdul Aziz Shamsudin said the ministry was working on the agreement aimed at ensuring that teachers maintained high teaching standards and did not influence students with their political beliefs.

Abdul Rahman said there was no need for a new agreement binding teachers or other civil servants.

"Such agreement will only result in teachers and other civil servants feeling uneasy with the Government and feeling that their sincerity and loyalty is being doubted."

He said nearly all public servants had shown that they supported the Government.

He said Cuepacs would be meeting Public Service Department director-general Datuk Jamaludin Ahmad Damanhuri on Aug 28 to get clarification on the proposal.

"Cuepacs is worried that this may result in more teachers and other public servants getting frustrated."

On its proposal to seek a fixed annual bonus for civil servants, Abdul Rahman said Cuepacs hoped Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would consider the request.

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