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GENERAL ORDER IGNORED, PLEDGE NOW MANDATORY FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- The good conduct contractual pledge is now mandatory for all civil servants to sign because some among them choose to ignore the civil service general order, the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The Cabinet last Wednesday decided on this requirement to eliminate hesitancy in carrying out government directives, he told reporters when approached at Parliament House lobby here today.

"Government employees have in the past abide by the general order and it is only now that some among them disobey the general order although they are bound by it," he said.

He was approached on today's news reports quoting the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim as saying that the last Cabinet meeting approved the enforcement of the contractual pledge for civil servants.

The move was to check "poisoning of the minds" of students so that they stick to the original purpose of entering universities to gain knowledge and not to indulge in anti-government activities, among others.

Dr Mahathir said school teachers, lecturers and undergraduates are also required to sign the good conduct contractual pledge.

He said there was no need to table the requirement in Parliament as it was not a bill.

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