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Malacca NUTP branch withdraws threat to boycott Teachers Day celebrations

MALACCA, Fri. - The State National Union of Teaching Profession today retracted its threat to boycott the national-level Teachers' Day celebrations next month.

The union had on March 31 threatened to boycott the celebration which will be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on May 16 following "the failure of the State Education Department to look into various complaints raised by the union".

State NUTP chairman, Mohd Ali Mohd Ibrahim, said today following assurance by Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam that he would look into the problems, the union decided to retract its threat.

However, the union stood by its complaints and would continue to fight for the issues.

The complaints raised by the union include the department's refusal to pay travel allowances to principals/headmasters, organising of school activities on the first and third Saturday of the month and the involvement of Parent-Teacher Associations in schools' administrative matters.

Following the threat, the Chief Minister responded that it was against the Government's policy to attract more visitors to Malacca, as this year's celebration would be held in the State.

Mohd Ali said "We have explained to the Chief Minister the issues which led to our earlier decision."

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