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MNI TO HONOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANNUITY SCHEME

KUALA LUMPUR, May 11 (Bernama) -- Malaysia National Insurance Bhd (MNI), one of the six insurers forming the Annuity Malaysia Consortium, assures its existing MNI annuity scheme policy holders that all their policy terms, conditions and benefits will be honoured.

The consortium is responsible to manage the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) annuity scheme, which had been suspended with immediate effect from yesterday.

In a statement here today, MNI said it would be monitoring closely and reviewing all developments regarding the scheme's suspension.

Since it was launched on July 1 last year, the scheme has received strong objection from the Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC).

In a letter to the MTUC, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the scheme would be deferred until a study by the consultant engaged by EPF was completed.

The study is expected to be completed in about three months.

The annuity scheme is a retirement programme where a portion of workers' contributions, upon their consent, is managed by private insurance companies and disbursed like pension payments on a monthly basis upon their retirement. -- BERNAMA

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