

NUTP accepts Mahathir's advice

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Union Of Teaching Profession (NUTP) has apologised over the misunderstanding created by the segregation in schools issue out of respect for Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We unanimously accept the Prime Minister's advice to refrain from highlighting the issue further and take his advice to apologise for the misunderstanding caused between various parties," NUTP secretary general Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam said after the NUTP special committee meeting yesterday. Cuepacs secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan was also present.

NUTP is confident that Dr Mahathir would resolve the issue.

Siva Subramaniam said

he and NUTP president allow itself to be coerced into apologising. Tengku Habsah Petera were questioned by the police yesterday morning.

"We have surrendered all relevant documents to the police. Since the police has taken over the investigations, we will no longer comment on it but will give the authorities our fullest co-operation," he added.

He declined to comment when asked if he would stand by his earlier statements regarding segregation in schools.

Abdul Rahman said it was not appropriate for Cuepacs to interfere in the issue as it only involved the NUTP and the Education ministry.

Meanwhile, Persatuan Pemuda Negara Malaysia (PPNM) president Stephen Doss said NUTP should not

"NUTP as the representative of the teaching profession is obliged to pursue the matter in the interest of nation building and PPNM urges it not to sweep the matter under the carpet," said Doss adding that the police should also study the independent inquiry board's report to determine its validity.

Doss said parents who wanted to complain about segregation in the children's school could call the PPNM, which viewed the matter seriously since the entire nation building mechanism would come to an abrupt halt if the allegations were indeed true.

PPNM could be contacted at tel 03-27103818.