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ANNUAL LEAVE FOR TEACHERS NEVER DISCUSSED, SAYS CUEPACS

DUNGUN, March 16 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs today claimed that the proposal to provide annual leave for school teachers has never been discussed whether at the Public Service Department (PSD) or Cuepacs level.

Its president, Datuk N Siva Subramaniam said the PSD itself had confirmed that there was no proposal to eliminate the mid-term holidays and replace them with annual leave as was reported earlier.

"There is no proposal at all to reduce or remove the interest of teachers including replacing the existing holiday system...we are puzzled how it could have been raised," he told reporters after attending a dialogue with teachers here today.

Siva, who is also secretary-general of the National Union of Teaching Profession (NUTP), said a NUTP survey revealed that more than 98 per cent of teachers opposed the move.

He claimed that the proposal had caused uneasiness among the more than 300,000 teachers in the country.

He said the proposal was also irrelevant because it would have substantial financial implication.

Siva said he would meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Workers' Day on May 1 to clarify the matter.

"We want the Prime Minister to know the implication resulting from the (annual leave) issue and seek his intervention so that the issue can be stopped immediately," he said.

He said the NUTP had sent a letter to Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad three days ago expressing regret over the proposal.

The NUTP is conducting a series of dialogues throughout the country to clarify various issues including the proposal to implement annual leave which would replace the mid-term holidays.

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