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Samsudin-Agreement

SEC-GENS TO SIGN PLEDGE ON ADHERENCE TO GO'S, SAYS SAMSUDIN

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 2 (Bernama) -- Implementation of the good conduct pledge to ensure civil servants abide by the General Orders will take effect with the signing of the document by secretaries-general of ministries on Jan 29.

"We start with the heads first, we hope the others will follow suit," said Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman when met by reporters at the Prime Minister's Department's Hari Raya open house here today.

He said all government employees must obey the circular requiring them to sign the pledge.

The pledge contained basic matters including the importance of civil servants discharging their duties with full responsibility, he said.

Samsudin said contents of the pledge was not new as everything was in the General Orders, covering the conduct and discipline of civil servants.

"If I ask who have read the procedures on conduct and discipline, nobody would have read it except if disciplinary action has been taken against someone, then he would read it.

"But when we put these basic things (in the good conduct pledge), God Willing, everyone will understand their respective duties and responsibilities," he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was reported to have said in October last year that the Cabinet decided to make it compulsory for civil servants to sign the pledge as some government employees do not adhere to the government's General Orders.

Cuepacs, the umbrella body for public sector unions, had agreed to accept implementation of the pledge.

Initially, the pledge was proposed to ensure university lecturers and undergraduates perform their duties and responsibilities and not get involved in anti-government activities.

Dr Mahathir was reported to have said that school teachers should also be made to sign the pledge.

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