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CASH SUPPORTS DR MAHATHIR'S CALL TO CIVIL SERVANTS

KOTA KINABALU, May 5 (Bernama) -- The Consumers Association of Sabah and Labuan (Cash) today expressed support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to civil servants to stop demanding for pay increase.

Cash president Patrick Sindu said that frequent pay increases could push up the cost of living, especially in Sabah, where it was already high.

"What needs improvement is the productivity of civil servants...I find that civil servants are always not in their office because of matters that are not related to their official duties," he said in a statement here.

He said the salaries that civil servants were receiving now were sufficient and they should think of those in the private sector who were lowly paid but made no demands.

Yesterday Dr Mahathir said the nation would be impoverished and the cost of living would rise if civil servants kept on demanding for pay increase.

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