

# Najib: Show commitment to increase output at work

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**PUTRAJAYA:** It is important that government employees improve their productivity, Datuk Seri Najib Razak said yesterday.

In his latest response to the demand for a salary revision by the Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Service (Cuepacs), the Deputy Prime Minister said:

“Cuepacs has not said anything on the commitment of its members to increase productivity.

“Whatever it is, productivity and commitment to increase work output is important.

“It will have to wait for the government decision on the matter,” he said, referring to the proposal for a salary increase.

Early this year, Cuepacs called on the government to

review the salaries of its 1.2 million employees by providing an increment of between 10 and 40 per cent, depending on grades.

Their justification is that the last pay hike they got was in 1991.

On Tuesday, its president Omar Osman said the congress had come to know of news spreading on the Internet that the government was planning a 10 per cent salary

adjustment for all civil servants instead of the revision.

He hoped these were just rumours as Cuepacs wanted a salary revision and not an adjustment.

Speaking to reporters after a sponsorship presentation ceremony for the 2007 Pekan Fest, Najib also directed the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs and Plantation Industries and Commodities Ministries to put an end to the

shortage of cooking oil.

“We ask that the Ministries ensure the supply for the local market is sufficient,” he said.

“This problem happens when the ceiling price is set and at the same time prices in the global market has increased.

“But the government is working towards resolving the problem... like we have always done through the Supply and Price Stabilisation Scheme.”