

# Cuepacs seeking 40pc pay rise for civil servants

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Cuepacs wants a salary revision of between 10 and 40 per cent for the over one million civil servants.

A task force, formed by the umbrella organisation for unions representing civil servants, is studying the proposal and preparing a memorandum to be handed over to the prime minister by the end this month.

Cuepacs vice-president Omar Osman said the last salary revision was in 1992.

"It is time for a salary revision in view of the current high cost of living.

"Civil servants, particularly those in the low and middle-income brackets, serving both in the rural and urban areas, are finding it difficult to make ends meet.

"Our estimates show that the government would incur RM6 billion in additional expenses if the revision is to be carried out.

"We are fully aware of the financial implications to the government but the claims are meant to match the rising cost of living," he said.

"It is not that all our requests or demands will be fulfilled or looked into but we hope the government will consider the salary revision," he said, adding that the Cuepacs leadership is seeking an appointment with Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi before the end of

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Omar, who is also chairman of the Affiliation of Malaysian University Unions, said there had been no reports that any of its 35,000 members were involved in the Al-Arqam movement.

"If there are, we will strike their names off the list. We will work closely with the universities on the matter," he said.

He was commenting on a statement by former Al-Arqam member Zabidi Mohammad who said there were many university students who followed Al-Arqam founder Ashaari Muhammad's deviant teachings under a movement that uses Rufaqa Corporation Sdn Bhd as a front.