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PM assures civil servants

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JOBS UNAFFECTED: Redouble productivity,
Cuepacs president urges 1.4m workers

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has assured 1.4 million civil servants that their jobs will not be affected despite a challenging economy.

He said this in his blog yesterday.

Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) president Datuk Azih Muda said the government had shown its concern for those who were willing to continue serving the country, even though the economy was not encouraging.

"As a show of appreciation to the government, Cuepacs hopes civil

servants will redouble their productivity. The current crisis is not so bad, as it depends on the price of oil and does not reflect the overall government institution.

"Thus, civil servants' role is important in this situation. They are the ones who help the government implement policies, and are also presenters to the people," he told the *New Straits Times*.

Azih said the government had proven that it was a responsible employer by giving annual increments to civil servants, beginning July 1.

In last week's 2016 Budget recalibration, Najib had said the government would not terminate the services of any civil servant, including those appointed on a contract basis.