

PM Announces Review Of Public Service New Remuneration Scheme
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Thursday announced a review of the Public Service New Remuneration Scheme (SBPA) to resolve the issues raised by certain quarters pertaining to its implementation.

He said the Cabinet, at its meeting yesterday, decided on the review.

"After the review, the SBPA will come into force as of Jan 1, 2012, as promised by the government," he said in a statement.

Najib said the review is being made following discussions with the Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs).

The prime minister said the review does not cover the decision to extend the civil service retirement age to 60 and, as such, this will be implemented as of Jan 1 this year.

Najib said Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan has been asked to determine the review mechanism.

"It is hoped that the review will be accepted by all quarters," he said, adding that a statement on the matter will be released soon.

The Public Service Department (PSD) had agreed earlier to extend to Jan 15 the date for acceptance by civil servants of the SBPA option, but retained the Dec 30 date for stating the option to extend the retirement age to 60.

Previously, civil servants were given 15 days from Dec 16 to exercise the option to sign up for the SBPA or remain in the old scheme.

In the new scheme, the civil service hierarchy has four levels, namely the Premier Group, the Top Management Group, the Management and Professional Group, as well as the Implementation Group.

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