

Different Government Will Not Ensure Continued Excellence In Public Service Bernama

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PUTRAJAYA, May 1 (Bernama) -- A new government to replace the present would not necessarily ensure a continuity of excellence in the public service, according to some observers within the sector.

"I believe most civil servants are happy with the existing government which has an entrenched policy and direction, besides an earnestness in ensuring the wellbeing of its employees," said Mohamad Amsyari Mohamad Suhaimi, 32, who had been with the government for six years.

According to him, the opposition's vision was obscure and the ideas they highlighted were merely short-term plans.

As a voter in the Putrajaya parliamentary constituency, he saw incumbent Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor who was bidding for a third term, as an effective mediator for about 90 percent of the residents here who were civil servants.

For Abd Rashid Ahmad, 59, who had been working in the public service for 32 years, a change of government would mean new policies and a new environment that civil servants might find tedious to adapt.

He feared the country would face an uncertain future brought about by a disorganised new administration, and which would hinder civil servants from carrying out their duties systematically, to the detriment of the people.

"Maybe there are, among the young people who are open and want to experiment (a new government) but those of us with long experience prefer the current government," he said.

Another civil servant, Wan Maria Wan Muda, 35, hoped the present peaceful and harmonious environment in the country would prevail to enable civil servants to carry out their duties without distraction.

"What is crucial in a government is its sensitivity towards the people particularly the less fortunate and its ability to develop the country and spur it to excellence," she said.

The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (CUEPACS) would certainly prefer the present government, which had met most of the requests by its members, to continue leading the country.

"Where else can we find a government as caring as the present one," said its president Datuk Omar Osman, who last year led about 1.4 million civil servants in expressing their gratitude to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak for doing away with the less favoured Public Service New Remuneration Scheme and assenting to a salary adjustment of between seven and 13 percent for civil servants.

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