

Cuepacs Will Not Protect Rogue Civil Servants

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 5 (Bernama) -- The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Service (CUEPACS) will not protect any civil servant found guilty of committing a serious offence which can jeopardise the nation's security.

Its Deputy President II, Mohd Shaman Jaes, said the recent arrest of several individuals from the civil service showed that the authorities were strict when it came to enforcing the law, regardless of who the offender was.

He was commenting on the arrest of a 39-year-old civil servant recently for allegedly being involved with the so-called IS militant group, as well as the detention of 25 police officers by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission to facilitate investigations into the smuggling and sale of petrol and diesel at the Malaysia-Thai border.

"We were a little surprised to learn that there were still civil servants who were involved in such activities... they are being plain irresponsible.

"CUEPACS would like to urge all civil servants not to get involved in any organisation or activity deemed illegal by the laws of this country. We will also emphasis the importance of discipline in our future programmes," he said, when contacted by Bernama Thursday.

Mohd Shaman said the arrest of the civil servants would not derail the aspirations of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who wanted the civil service to be the thrust of the nation's development

Last August, Najib called on all civil servants to possess the four values of loyalty, dedication, competence and integrity, as they formed the backbone of national development.

Mohd Shaman said it would not be fair to judge the entire civil service based on the wrongdoing of a handful of employees.

"To me, this is a question of individuals committing offences, and they'll face the consequences," he said.

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