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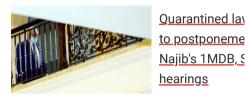




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Unions want further improvement in workers' welfare

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Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) president Adnan Mat, in his statement in conjunction with Workers' Day 2021, welcomed the government's efforts to revise the minimum wage rate, in line with current costs of living and economic conditions. - NSTP/ MUSTAFFA KAMAL

KUALA LUMPUR: Workers' unions have called for the continued protection and improvement of workers' welfare in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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UNI-Malaysia Labour Centre (UNI-MLC) president Datuk Mohamed Shafie Mammal, in his statement, listed 10 matters for the attention of the government and employers in an effort to protect the interests of workers and the people.

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Among others, it suggested that the government hold engagement sessions with union leaders and draw up a new economic plan or model, taking into account the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The plan or economy should provide a more employee-friendly wage framework and new job opportunities following Covid-19 and the advent of the Fourth Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR4.0).

"Next, the government needs to make a comprehensive effort to address issues of integrity and corruption involving the public and private sectors at all levels," he said.

Apart from that, he said employers and the government should stop offering salaries or wages that are too low and urged the government to enforce more effective price control mechanisms to address the impact of the rising cost of living.

Earlier, Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, in a message in conjunction with Workers' Day 2021 today, said the minimum wage rate for workers is being reviewed to ensure it remains relevant to the current socio-economic conditions.— BERNAMA

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