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Cuepacs seeks senatorship

NEW LEVEL: This will enable it to serve civil servants better, says new president

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THE Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) has proposed a senatorship for its leader to enable it to continue fighting for civil servants in the country.

Its newly elected president, Azih Muda, who is also Amalgamated National Union of Local Authorities Employees president, said the proposal had been submitted to Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

"The senatorship should be perfect for Datuk Omar (Osman, who is formerly Cuepacs president) as he has vast experience in handling civil servants. If they (the government) can accord senatorship to the Malaysian Trades Union Congress and leaders of other bodies or groups, why not one for someone who represents the civil servants?"

Azih, who has been Cuepacs deputy president 1 for seven years, defeated Malaysian Forces Civil Servants Union president Ahmad Shah Mohd Zain by a 390-vote majority at its triennial congress yesterday. He garnered 701 votes while Ahmad Shah had 311.

Replacing Azih is Zainal Ismail,



Former president **Datuk Omar Osman** (right) is unable to hold back his tears after relinquishing his post of seven years at **Cuepacs' triennial congress** in **Kuala Lumpur** yesterday. With him is the **new president, Azih Muda**. Pic by Abdullah Yusof

who is also Perak Cuepacs deputy president. Johor Cuepacs chief Mohd Shamam Jaes is Cuepacs deputy president 2.

Secretary-general Lok Yim Peng retained her post while Adnan Mat, Abdul Rahman Mohd Nordin and Mahamad Baharum were voted in as Cuepacs deputy secre-

taries-general.

Azih said his three-year plan included setting RM4,000 as the minimum wage for support staff, such as drivers. Those with Penilaian Menengah Rendah qualifications will also be eligible if his plan goes through.

"The cost of living is getting

higher. So, the government must look into public welfare by providing more allowances and incentives.

"We feel that a monthly salary of RM4,000 for drivers is ideal with the country moving towards achieving a fully developed nation status."