



**HARD PRESSED:** Some Maybank staff protesting in front of the Maybank Tower in Jalan Tun Razak yesterday

## Bank workers want bonus restored

**MORE** than 1,000 bank employees picketed peacefully in front of the Maybank Tower demanding the restoration of the two-month bonus which their employers had withdrawn.

The workers, carrying banners and placards, picketed for about an hour before dispersing at 1.30pm.

National Union of Bank Employees secretary-general J. Solomon said the picket was held to protest against the retraction of the bonus payment.

He said that through negotiations held previously, the Malaysian Commercial Banks Association had agreed to increase the workers' salary by 30 per cent, but withdrew the payment of the annual

two-month bonus.

"I'm disappointed that the banks' chief executive officers, who receive very high salaries, don't care about the well-being of their workers, some of whom are receiving only RM662 a month," he said.

Malaysian Trades Union Congress president Syed Shahir Syed Mohamud said the picket was in line with the demand by MTUC for employees in the private sector to be paid a minimum wage of RM900.

"What the workers are demanding is not much, but commensurate with the current increase in the prices of goods," he said. — Bernama