

Continue with wage talks, bank workers union urged

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE) must continue negotiations on salary increments, said Malaysian Banking president and chief executive officer Datuk Amirsham A. Aziz.

He said NUBE must continue to negotiate with the Malaysian Commercial Banks Association, which is the body that negotiates the collective agreement with the union.

"Malayan Banking cannot make a unilateral decision. All banks negotiate collectively through the association," he said in response to about 500 NUBE members and the banks' employees protesting outside a hotel here before Malaysian Banking's annual general meeting yesterday.

The employees, who held a three-hour protest, urged the bank to be fair as they were asking for a 30% increase in wages, but the association wants to discontinue the two-month contractual

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bonus instead. NUBE is urging bank managements to share their profits with workers.

"With banks making hefty profits, their CEOs and top management get salary pay-outs of RM1mil on the average," NUBE general secretary J. Solomon said.