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NUTP: Postpone SPM results, teachers need time off

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NUTP president Aminuddin Awang.-filepic

PETALING JAYA: The National Teachers Service Union of Malaysia (NUTP) said the announcement of the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) 2023 results could be delayed until school resumes for teachers to have time off.

Its president, Aminuddin Awang, expressed disappointment after Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek announced that the results would be released on May 27 as scheduled.

“The Education Minister, Fadhlina Sidek, needs to support teachers' well-being by not making the announcement during school holidays.

"If May 23 is still a problem for the ministry, they can try to postpone it until the following week, when the school opens.

“This is not to cause problems for teachers and strengthen their well-being," he said in a Facebook post on Monday (May 13).

On Thursday (May 9), its secretary-general Fouzi Singon appealed for it to be released earlier on May 23, as the official release date falls on a school holiday.

"We are asking the announcement date to be made earlier on May 23 because teachers have already made plans for the school holidays,” he said in a statement.

Fouzi said NUTP has received several complaints from teachers following the Education Ministry’s announcement of the results, which would be made during the school holiday.

He added that teachers require ample time to prepare for the holiday season after investing time and effort into their students' academic growth throughout the year.

“Many teachers will already be in their hometowns or have vacation plans with their families.

"We hope this issue can be resolved to preserve a positive environment.

“The Education Ministry should consider and understand the situation affecting the teachers before deciding,” he said.