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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 30 (BERNAMA) — EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED HAS AGREED TO SATISFACTORILY SETTLE THE QUESTION OF SALARY FOR TEACHERS IN THE B1 AND B2 CATEGORY.

THIS WAS THE RESULT OF THE MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOR TEACHERS UNIONS LAST SATURDAY.

THE COMMITTEE'S SECRETARY, ENCIK KARIM ABDULLAH, SAID TODAY IT HOPED THE GOVERNMENT COULD SETTLE THE MATTER SOON +IF POSSIBLE, WITHIN THIS YEAR SO THE RESULT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED NEXT YEAR. +

THE COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF 12 AFFILIATED UNIONS WILL MEET ON OCT. 11 TO DISCUSS THE NEW SALARY OFFER FOR TEACHERS IN CATEGORIES B1 AND B2.

UNDER THE OFFER, THE MAXIMUM SALARY FOR TEACHERS IN THE B1 CATEGORY IS \$730 (OLD MAXIMUM-\$580) AND IN THE B2 CATEGORY \$580 (OLD MAXIMUM - \$380). — BERNAMA MORE 1237/YF

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HE ALSO WELCOMED DR. MAHATHIR'S ASSURANCE TO EXPEDITE THE TRAINING SCHEME FOR ABOUT 12,000 TEMPORARY TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

THE MOVE WOULD HELP OVERCOME THE SHORTAGE OF TRAINED TEACHING FORCE IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THE SCHEME WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS OF THE TEMPORARY TEACHERS. — BERNAMA 1240/YF