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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 26 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ADOPT +A POINTS SYSTEM+ TO CORRECT ANOMALIES IN THE SALARY SCALE FOR 1,132 SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADMASTERS AND SENIOR ASSISTANTS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

UNDER THE SYSTEM, PAYMENT WILL BE BETWEEN \$910 AND \$2,000 PER MONTH.

AT PRESENT IT IS BETWEEN \$500 AND \$1,200.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE.

HE SAID THE SYSTEM WOULD EMPHASISE ON QUALIFICATION, EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID IF THE SYSTEM WAS ACCEPTED BY THE TEACHERS IT WOULD BE BACKDATED TO APRIL 1, 1972.

IT WOULD COST THE GOVERNMENT \$18 MILLION IN BACK PAY AND \$6 MILLION ANNUALLY.

EACH OF THE TEACHERS WOULD GET BETWEEN \$3,600 AND \$14,000 IN BACK PAY.

THE TEACHERS HAD BEEN GIVEN ONE MONTH TO CONSIDER THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER. -- BERNAMA MORE 1810/YF

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DR. MAHATHIR HOPED THE SYSTEM WOULD SOLVE THE GRIEVANCES OF THE TEACHERS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS SYSTEM WOULD AVOID THE PROBLEMS THAT AROSE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER TO 5,000 PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADMASTERS. IN OCTOBER, LAST YEAR. -- BERNAMA 1812/YF

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