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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 7 (BERNAMA) — THE 12,000 B1 AND B2 TEACHERS HAVE ACCEPTED THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER OF TWO INCREMENTS, EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY.

THE DECISION WAS COVEYED TO HIM BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TEACHERS AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE HERE.

UNDER THE OFFER, THE TEACHERS WOULD GET AREARS RANGING FROM \$750 TO \$1,040 BACKDATED TO JAN. 1 LAST YEAR.

IT WOULD COST THE GOVERNMENT \$11.4 MILLION IN BACKPAY AND AN ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF \$5.97 MILLION.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE OFFER WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT TOOK EVERY ASPECT INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE MAKING THE OFFER.

HE ADDED THAT AS FAR AS THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED THE B1 AND B2 TEACHERS DISPUTE WAS SETTLED.

+WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY MORE REPRESENTATION ON THIS ISSUE,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TEACHERS' UNIONS AND OFFICIALS OF HIS MINISTRY WOULD MEET SOON TO DISCUSS THE MODE OF IMPLEMENTATION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPRESENTING THE TEACHERS, ENCIK S. RADHAKRISHNAN SAID THE ACCEPTANCE WAS MADE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION BY THE IBRAHIM ALI COMMISSION. — BERNAMA 1810/Y5

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