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MAHATHIR-SALARY

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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 23 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO SET UP THE INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE TO RECTIFY ANOMALIES UNDER THE NEW PAY SCHEME FOR CIVIL SERVANTS BY NEXT MONTH.

IT IS NOW LOOKING FOR +SUITABLE PERSONS+ TO SIT ON THE COMMITTEE, SAID DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI (DR.) MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY.

HE SAID THAT THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S CHAMBERS WAS LOOKING INTO THE STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH HE ASSURED WOULD BE +NEUTRAL.+

HE REITERATED THAT ALL REPRESENTATIONS FOR THE RECTIFICATION OF ANOMALIES UNDER THE NEW PAY SCHEME WOULD BE CONSIDERED FAIRLY BY THE BODY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER RECEIVING THE SOMALIAN PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY, BRIG.-GEN. MOHAMED ABDALLA FADIL, AT HIS OFFICE HERE, DATUK SERI (DR.) MAHATHIR SAID: +IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO GO TO PARLIAMENT TO SET UP THE BODY.+ -- BERNAMA MORE 1719/A1

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AT PRESENT THERE WERE NO LEGAL PROVISIONS FOR THE SETTING UP OF SUCH A BODY, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI (DR.) MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WANTED THE SALARY SCHEME TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MAJORITY OF ITS EMPLOYEES.

AT THIS STAGE, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS THE VARIOUS ANOMALIES AT THE NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL LEVEL AS THIS WOULD DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME.

+THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF ISSUES AND WE CANNOT SETTLE THEM SEPARATELY,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN A FIRM UNDERTAKING TO LOOK INTO ALL ANOMALIES AND +THERE SHOULD BE NOTHING TO FEAR AT ALL.+

ON THE SALARY SCHEMES FOR THE ARMED FORCES AND SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS, DATUK SERI (DR.) MAHATHIR SAID THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD ALREADY CONCLUDED ITS STUDY.

THE CABINET COMMITTEE WOULD STUDY THE REPORT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE DEPARTMENT. -- BERNAMA 1623/A1