

N113 (F)
MAHATHIR - SALARY
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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 28 (BERNAMA)---(DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF CUTTING HIS SALARY AND ALLOWANCES AND THOSE OF HIS DEPUTY AND OTHER CABINET MINISTERS. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS WOULD ALSO COVER ALL DEPUTY MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES.

HE SAID THE MATTER WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY HIM AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM AND A DECISION ON IT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

HE SAID THIS WHEN OPENING THE 16TH BIENNIAL DELEGATES' CONFERENCE OF THE MALAYAN TECHNICAL SERVICES UNION HERE.

HIS OFF-THE-CKFF STATEMENT SURPRISED THE DELEGATES WHO HAD EARLIER ASKED HIM TO CONSIDER MORE BENEFITS FOR THE UNION MEMBERS, INCLUDING HOUSING ALLOWANCES.

+HONESTLY I AM GOING TO DO IT,+ HE SAID TO THE LOUD APPLAUSE OF THE DELEGATES.---BERNAMA MORE 2042/AH

N115 (F)
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AT PRESENT, THE PRIME MINISTER RECEIVES A SALARY OF \$8,500 A MONTH, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER \$7,550, CABINET MINISTERS \$6,500, DEPUTY MINISTERS \$5,000 AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES \$3,500. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE OTHER ALLOWANCES RECEIVED, INCLUDING THE \$3,000 MEMBERS OF APRLIAMENT ALLOWANCES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR FELT THAT THE SALARIES GIVEN WERE HIGH AND IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO CUT THEM.

+FOR ME, PARTICULARLY, DAILY I AM ENTERTAINED AT VARIOUS RECEPTIONS AND ALL FOOD IS FREE AND AS SUCH IT IS NOT PROPER THAT I SHOULD RECEIVE A TOO HIGH SALARY,+ HE SAID (MISHEARD) ON WORKERS UNIONS NOT TO UTTER TO MUCH ON SALARIES BUT SHOULD WORK HARDER TO GAIN THE RESPECT OF OTHER NATIONS.

IF THE PEOPLE WORKED HARD, MALAYSIA WOULD ENJOY GREATER ECONOMIC GROWTH AND MALAYSIA COULD STAND AT PAR WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES.
---BERNAMA MORE 2120/AH

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MAHATHIR - SALARY 3, KUALA LUMPUR

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE SYMPATHISED WITH THE UNIONS IN THEIR CLAIMS BUT NOT ALL CLAIMS COULD BE ENTERTAINED.

HE SAID IF POSSIBLE, HE WAS WILLING TO LET HIS SALARY BE CUT BY FOUR PER CENT TO BE GIVEN TO THE WORKERS UNIONS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY HIS SALARY WAS FIXED, HE ADDED. ---BERNAMA 2135/AH