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KUALALUMPUR, NOV. 7 (BERNAMA) -- ALL SPENDING BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND STATUTORY BODIES WILL BE MADE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT FROM TODAY.

ANNOUNCING THIS, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THE DIRECTIVE WAS ISSUED BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER THEIR SPENDING HAD BEEN MADE WITH ALL CARE OR WHETHER IT WAS MADE WITHOUT ANY PROPER SUPERVISION.

THE NEW REGULATION WAS APPROVED IN THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING HE CHAIRED HERE TODAY.

+WITH THIS, THE GOVERNMENT WANTS REPORTING BACK OF ALL FUNDS SPENT BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND STATUTORY BODIES, + HE ADDED.

CITING INSTANCES, HE SAID THAT IF A GOVERNMENT BODY BOUGHT A VEHICLE? IT HAD TO STATE THE REASONS FOR THE PURCHASE? AND IF NECESSARY, WHETHER THE VEHICLE WOULD REALLY BE USED AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE AND FOR WHOM.

PUBLIC ENTERPRISES MINISTER DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH AZIZ SAID THE CABINET MEETING ALSO AGREED TO ALLOW GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TO SIT ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HOLDING COMPANIES AND NOT MORE THAN THREE SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WERE PREVIOUSLY ALLOWED TO SIT ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF ANY NUMBER OF SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES. --BERNAMA

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