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BANGI, JULY 16 (BERNAMA) -- A SETTLEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS' SALARY ADJUSTMENT CLAIMS WILL DEPEND ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

+WE HAVE TO SEE FIRST. IT DEPENDS ON THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL SITUATION,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES WOULD BE GIVEN A +HOPEFUL SIGN+ DURING THE OCTOBER PRESENTATION OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET, HE SAID THIS WAS UP TO FINANCE MINISTER DATUK DAIM ZAINUDDIN.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE DEWANA FOOD INDUSTRIES SDN BHD, A FOOD PROCESSING FACTORY HERE.

CUEPACS PRESIDENT A. RAGUNATHAN WAS RECENTLY QUOTED AS SAYING HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THE ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED IN OCTOBER WHEN THE BUDGET WAS TABLED IN PARLIAMENT. -- MORE

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ON UMNO, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT SAID ALTHOUGH THE NAME UMNO BARU WAS FOUND IN ITS REGISTRATION, THE PARTY WAS CALLED ONLY UMNO BECAUSE ITS MEMBERS WERE THE SAME (THOSE WHO WERE MEMBERS OF UMNO BEFORE IT WAS RULED UNLAWFUL AND DE-REGISTERED IN FEBRUARY).

ON THE JOHOR BAHRU BY-ELECTION, HE SAID ONLY THAT IT HAD TO BE HELD BECAUSE THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REPRESENTING THE CONSTITUENCY HAD RESIGNED FROM THE SEAT.

HE DECLINED TO COMMENT WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE BAR COUNCIL CALL FOR THE RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF ACTING LORD PRESIDENT TAN SRI ABDUL HAMID OMAR. -- BERNAMA

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