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PERCENTAGE OF SALARY INCREASE NOT FIXED YET

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- The Cabinet, which has yet to fix the percentage of salary increase for the country's 85,000 civil servants, hopes to do so before the end of the year, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said preparing the details of a comprehensive salary adjustment for a restructured civil service was a complex and time consuming exercise.

A study on this was now at the final stage, he told reporters at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Subang near here before leaving for Mexico for a six-day official visit.

The Prime Minister said the Cabinet had not reached any decision yet on the percentage of salary increase under the wage readjustment.

He said the government had met Cuepacs early this year over the details of the salary increase for civil servants.-- more

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The Prime Minister had, on Jan 23 this year, announced a five per cent salary increase for civil servants under an interim salary adjustment effective from Jan 1 1391 which cost the government an additional expenditure of \$400 million.

He had also announced that a comprehensive restructuring of civil servants' salaries would be implemented before the end of the year.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who was also at the airport, told reporters that a special cabinet committee on salaries to supervise the restructuring chaired by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir would get the details of the salary increase ready soon.

+God willing, it will be ready by the end of the year,+ he said  
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