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CIVIL SERVANTS UNLIKELY TO GET ARREARS BEFORE HARI RAYA '''

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 20 (Bernama) -- Salary arrears for more than 800,000 civil servants may not be paid before Hari Raya, Public Services Department (PSD) Director-General Datuk Dr Mazlan Ahmad said today.

He said the PSD had studied the new formula by Cuepacs with several alternatives to be submitted to the government and due to time constraint, it was highly unlikely that the arrears would be paid before Hari Raya.

The PSD would inform Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the alternatives, Dr Mazlan told reporters after attending the launching of the book "Perkhidmatan Awam Malaysia: Ke Arah Kecekapan dan Keberkesanan," by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid at Public Services Department Library, Jalan Cenderawasih, Taman Tasik Perdana, here.

"We have yet to make an appointment to see the Prime Minister," he said.

If the government agreed to the alternatives, the PSD would take the necessary steps to ensure fair distribution of the RM2 billion allocated for the salary adjustments,

Mazlan however did not disclose the latest formula put forward by Cuepacs. -- Bernama