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BN WILL HONOUR BONUS PAYMENT, 10 PCT SALARY HIKE IF RETURNED TO POWER

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 10 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight the Barisan Nasional (BN) government would pay the one month's bonus or minimum of RM1,000 and 10 per cent salary rise for government employees if it was returned to power after the general election.

"That's our promise and we will honour it," he told reporters after chairing the BN supreme council meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

The meeting, among other things, discussed the BN's preparations for the 10th general election.

Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, announced today that Parliament would dissolved tomorrow to pave the way for the 10th general election.

First Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin announced that the government would pay one-month bonus or a minimum of RM1,000 and a 10 per cent rise in basic pay for civil servants when tabling the 2000 Budget in Parliament on Oct 29.

Dr Mahathir also said a new budget would be tabled after the election as the one presented last month had not been passed by Parliament.

"It's up to the party which formed the government. If we (BN) formed the government, we will use the same budget and if it needed adjustments, we will do it," he said when replying to reporters' queries on the budget.

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