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BUDGET DAY WILL NOT BE BROUGHT FORWARD- DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Budget Day will not be brought forward and will remain as scheduled on Oct 29.

"It will be on Oct 29, I give my assurance," he told reporters after launching the Islamic Specialist Doctors Association of Malaysia (ISDAM) here.

Dr Mahathir was responding to reporters' queries over talk that the government was bringing forward the Budget Day because of the General Election.

"We will see whether Parliament can be dissolved or not. If we have enough voters, we might dissolve it," he said.

On the budget itself, the Prime Minister said it would naturally be a budget that reflected the economic recovery.

He said the country had done much better than expected and this would be reflected in the budget.

On the Barisan Nasional supreme council meeting on Oct 25, the Prime Minister said it was a normal meeting.

"Well, we always discuss election at meetings. You can call it final meeting, pre-final or post final, it doesn't make any difference," he added.

Press reports today said Dr Mahathir had called for a meeting of all Barisan Nasional component leaders, in what many believe to be related to the general election.

The meeting will be held a day after the BN's 25th anniversary celebrations at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil.

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