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DEWAN RAKYAT TO DEBATE HALF OF BUDGET 2000 ESTIMATES

PUTRAJAYA, Dec 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the first sitting of the Dewan Rakyat after the 10th general election on Monday will debate and approve half of the Budget 2000 estimates.

Dr Mahathir said that the Budget 2000 would be further debated fully in February.

"All papers to be debated will relate to the Finance Ministry because we need to approve half of the Budget 2000 estimates," he told a news conference after chairing a Barisan Nasional (BN) pre-council meeting prior to the Dewan Rakyat and Dewan Negara sessions, here.

The Dewan Rakyat will sit for four days from Monday, followed by the Dewan Negara sitting.

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