

# Computer suppliers to send PM protest note

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**IPOH, Thurs:** Computer suppliers here say that those who order their units through Pos Malaysia will be paying RM500 extra and they have decided to send a memorandum to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

They are protesting the decision to give Pos Malaysia exclusive rights to the sale of computers under the EPF scheme.

Copies of the memorandum will be submitted to the Finance Minister and other relevant authorities.

The decision was reached at a meeting here last night, attended by at least 28 computer suppliers.

The suppliers also agreed to the setting up of a pro tem committee to study the implications arising from the government's decision in favour of Pos Malaysia, and to act in the interest of computer suppliers.

The group said EPF contributors will be paying RM500 more if

they buy personal computers from Pos Malaysia.

They also said there will be no back-up services from Pos Malaysia and buyers will not be able to upgrade their computers.

The group also resolved to display **Say no to Pos Malaysia** banners in computer shops throughout Perak.

The government's move in giving sole rights to Pos Malaysia is aimed at stopping what it views as an abuse of the system.

Meanwhile, the association of the computer and multimedia industry Malaysia (Pikom) is seeking a clarification with relevant parties to seek clarification on the EPF computerscheme.

In a statement issued in **PETALING JAYA** today, the association said while it understands the rationale for all purchases to be made through Pos Malaysia, "we believe the choice of purchasing should rest with the consumers."

Therefore, it said, it is concerned with the move announced by the Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Chan Kong Choy.