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BONUS FOR PENSIONERS AND TOP MANAGEMENT GROUP OFFICERS TOO

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 1 (Bernama) -- The bonus payment announced for civil servants announced two weeks ago will be extended to pensioners and top management group officers as well.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the government decided to give pensioners a bonus of RM200 after they complained of being left out.

He said officers in the top management group, who are normally not paid bonus, would receive a half-month payout.

They would also get a 10 percent salary increase from next year just like the other civil servants, he confirmed.

Dr Mahathir, who is also the finance minister, was speaking to reporters after attending a dinner held in conjunction with the 2002 Budget, here tonight.

In the Budget tabled on Oct 19, Dr Mahathir announced that more than 900,000 civil servants would receive a bonus payment of half month's salary or at least RM1,000 for this year, and a 10 percent pay rise from January.

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