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MEDICAL OFFICERS' OT ALLOWANCE INCREASED BY 25-50 PCT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today announced that the rate of overtime allowance for medical officers in the public sector will be increased by between 25 and 50 per cent, effective Oct 1 this year.

He hoped the increase would further enhance the motivation of medical officers who were burdened with additional work.

It was also hoped it would help minimise wage differentials between government medical officers and those in the private sector, he said when tabling the Budget 2002 in the Dewan Rakyat.

The Prime Minister also said that in appreciation of the contribution of volunteers in the security forces, particularly the Malaysian Armed Forces and Civil Defence, the annual gratuity rate for officers and personnel would be increased from RM400 to RM520 -- a 30 per cent increase.

The increase would take effect from Oct 1 this year.

Dr Mahathir also said for volunteers in the Malaysian Armed Forces, the Specialist Grant for officers, which had not been revised since 1958 would be increased by 100 per cent from RM150 to RM300 annually.

For the other ranks, the rate had been increased from RM100 and RM75 to RM200 a year, effective Oct 1.

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