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10 PCT SALARY RISE FOR CIVIL SERVANTS IN T'GGANU

KUALA TERENGGANU, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- More than 5,000 civil servants and contract staff in the state civil service will enjoy a 10 per cent salary rise in keeping with the similar move by the federal government.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said the state government had set aside RM14 million a year to pay the salary increase.

The employees would receive their new salary soon, he said.

"God Willing, we'll pay the 10 per cent rise at anytime," he told reporters at the Sultan Mahmud Aiport before leaving for Kuala Lumpur today.

Hadi said this when asked on the study carried out by the PAS-led state government on its financial affordability to pay the salary hike.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in tabling the 2002 Budget in Parliament on Oct 19, announced that the 900,000-odd government employees in the country would receive a 10 per salary rise in January.

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