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DR M TO TABLE 2003 BUDGET ON SEPT 20

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also the Finance Minister, will table the 2003 Budget in the Dewan Rakyat at 4pm on Sept 20.

Parliament public relations officer Ishak Momin said the third sitting of the fourth session of Dewan Rakyat would begin on Monday and end on Nov 12.

The 38-day sitting of the Dewan Rakyat would see the tabling of the Election Offences (Amendment) Bill, he said today.

The Land Bill (Group Settlement Area) and the Malaysian Law Academy Bill will also be tabled.

The Dewan Negara will sit for 12 days, from Nov 11 to Nov 28.

Both Houses will be in session every Monday to Thursday between 10am and 5.30pm.

Ishak said the Member of Parliament for Pendang, Datuk Othman Abdul, would be sworn in on the first day of the Dewan Rakyat sitting.

Othman won the Pendang by-election last July 18 when he defeated a PAS candidate by a 283-vote majority. The seat fell vacant following the death of PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor.

The Dewan Rakyat has 193 members -- 152 from the Barisan Nasional, 26 from PAS, 10 from DAP and five from Keadilan.

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