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RM200 SPECIAL PAYMENT FOR GOVT PENSIONERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 13 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, today announced a special payment of RM200 for government pensioners.

Details of the payment to be made within this year would be conveyed to the government pensioners associations by the Public Services Department (PSD).

"The Government earnestly hopes that the gift will in some way ease any financial burden faced by them," the Prime Minister said in a statement issued by the PSD.

He said the payment was not related to any pension revision under the pension laws or additional or special payment given to serving civil servants.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Finance Minister, when tabling the Budget 2003 in September announced a one-month bonus or minimum of RM1,200 for civil servants.

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