

21,000 ex-cops to get special govt payment

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ALOR STAR: The Government will hand out special honorariums to another 21,000 former police personnel by the end of next year, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Chor Chee Heung said.

He said the special payment was for former police personnel who served during the Emergency between 1948 and 1962.

"The Government has so far handed out the payment to 33,000 recipients since early last year," he told newsmen yesterday after handing over honorariums to 280 former

police personnel from Pokok Sena and Kota Star districts.

Each of them received RM1,000 and also a certificate commending them for their services.

The recipients include those who had worked as home guards, special constabulary, extra police constables and women special constables during the Emergency period.

Chor said the Government allocated RM54mil in honorariums to the former police personnel in appreciation of their services during the 14-year crucial period.

On a different issue, Chor said the police report lodged against former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad by two opposition parties was only a political gimmick.

"It is a political gimmick of the opposition, who hope to gain some mileage from it," he said.

Chor was responding to a question pertaining to a police report lodged on Oct 31 by PAS Youth and Keadilan Youth against Dr Mahathir for crimes he allegedly committed while in office.