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DR MAHATHIR TABLES 2004 BUDGET ON SEPT 12

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to table the 2004 Budget at the Parliament on Sept 12.

Parliament Public Relations Officer Ishak Momin said in a statement today the Parliament's Budget Session would begin on Sept 2 and end on Nov 6.

The 40-day sitting of the Dewan Rakyat will debate nine bills namely the Central Bank (Amendment) Bill 2003; Islamic Banking (Amendment) Bill 2003; Takaful (Amendment) Bill 2003; Financial Institutions and Banking (Amendment) Bill 2003; Demutualisation (Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange) Bill 2003; Securities Industry (Amendment) Bill 2003; Securities Commission (Amendment) Bill 2003; Futures Trading Industry (Amendment) Bill 2003; and Securities Industry (Central Depository) (Amendment) Bill 2003.

Ishak said there were also three government bills for first reading namely the Pharmacists Registration (Amendment) Bill 2003; Offshore Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2003; and Supplementary Supply (2003) Bill 2003.

Two government bills for second reading would be the Federal Capital (Amendment) Bill 2003 and the Protection of New Variety Plants Bill 2003.

The Dewan Negara is scheduled to sit for 12 days from Nov 3 to 20. Both houses will sit every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 5.30pm.

Ishak said there were 970 oral questions and 175 written questions to be replied at the sitting.

The Dewan Rakyat now has 152 representatives from the Barisan Nasional (BN), 26 PAS, 10 DAP and five from Parti Keadilan Nasional.

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