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Civil servants to get half-month bonus on June 2

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THE country's 950,000 civil servants will be getting their half-month bonus on June 2, Berita Harian reported yesterday.

In the newspaper's front page lead story, sources revealed that the Public Service Department was in the process of issuing circulars pertaining to the date of payment.

"A total of RM500 million has been allocated for the purpose."

The bonus was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on May 21 as part of the economic stimulus package.

Cuepacs president Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam confirmed the bonus would be paid on June 2.

Siva said he was told that all civil servants, including the police and army personnel, would be receiving their bonuses on that date.

Berita Harian yesterday also quoted Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman as saying the State Government had agreed to increase to RM1 the share price for Amanah Saham Johor from the current 19 sen by the end of the year.

This, said Ghani, was decided last week and would act as a significant boon to the 125,000 ASJ investors nationwide.

"We are now waiting for the Treasury's approval, likely in a month's time," he said.

Utusan Malaysia yesterday, meanwhile, front-paged an article urging action be taken against restaurant operators who placed tables on the roadside.

This followed a freak accident on Sunday where a sales assistant was killed and several others injured when a car rammed into tables placed on the roadside by a restaurant operator in Section 14, Petaling Jaya.

The article pointed out that while placing tables on roadsides and on busy streets was clearly an offence, the authorities rarely took action even though the practice was rampant all over the country.

The newspaper conducted a street poll where respondents called for enforcement.

It also interviewed the mother of the accident victim, Noor Suhaila Tajudin, 19, who made a similar plea.

Utusan listed several areas in the Klang Valley where the practice was rampant. They included Jalan Peel, Taman Shamelin, Lucky Garden, Jalan Dua near Jalan Chan Sow Lin, and Danau Kota in Setapak.