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Hadi: Package a retirement gift from PM

KUALA TERENGGANU, Sun. - The economic stimulus package is a retirement present from Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to the people before he steps down as Prime Minister in October, Pas acting president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said.

He said incentives, including the half-month bonus to civil servants, were also a move to influence people before the general election.

He said this after a ground-breaking ceremony for a suburban housing project in Chendering today.

Hadi said the State Government would have to look into its financial position before deciding to emulate the Federal Government in paying a bonus to the State civil servants.

On resignations of MCA president Datuk Seri Ling Liong Sik and his deputy Datuk Lim Ah Lek yesterday, Hadi said the move would only solve some of the problems in the party.

On the housing project, Hadi said it involved the construction of 327 units costing RM48 million and scheduled for completion in the next four years.

He said the project was to provide more opportunities to State Government employees to own a house.