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Govt tables RM4b supply bill

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THE government tabled a supplementary supply bill, seeking lawmakers to approve more than RM4.06 billion spent last year, on top of Budget 2017.

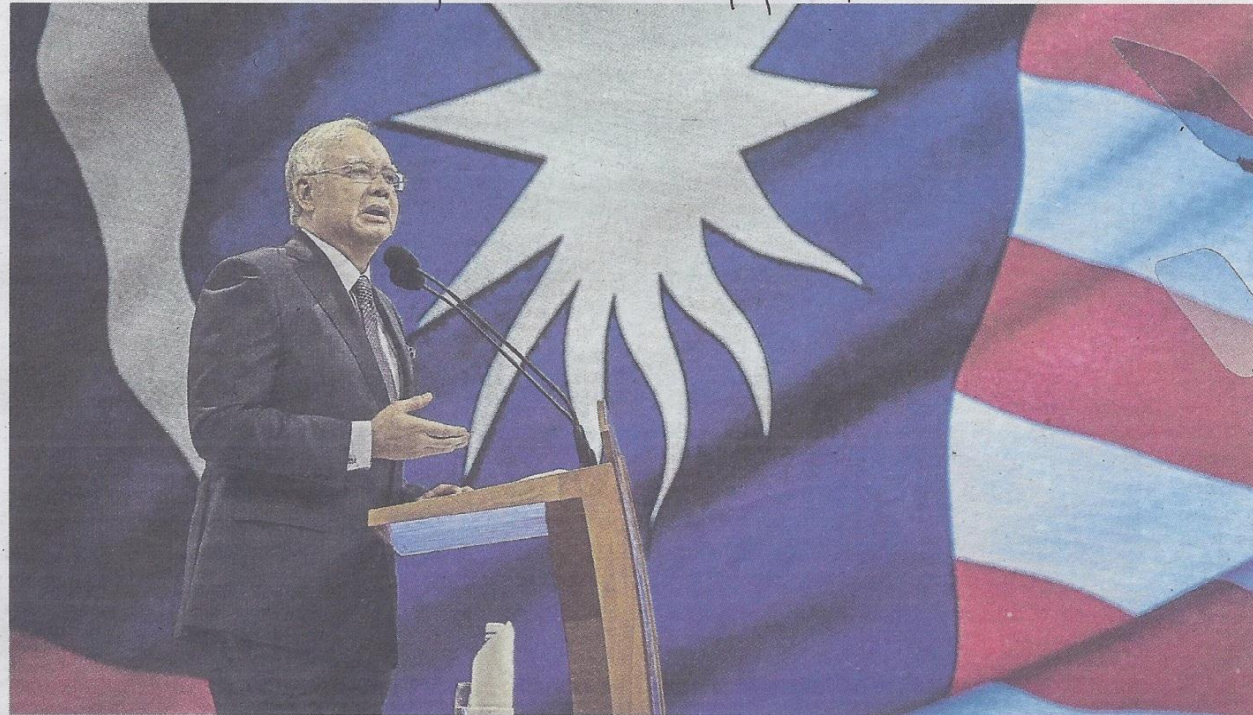
Some RM3.08 billion was allocated for operational expenditure, while RM987.76 million was spent on development expenditure.

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Othman Aziz tabled the supply bill for the first reading in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

On the operational expenditure, some RM2.2 billion was for statutory funds, RM297 million for the Education Ministry, RM215 million for the Transport Ministry and RM128 million for the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry.

About RM104 million would be channelled to the Health Ministry, RM24 million to the Foreign Affairs Ministry and RM62.7 million to the Election Commission (EC).

The supply bill stated that the Education Ministry requested additional funds for land purchases and capital aid, while the Transport Ministry needed supplementary fund-



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ing for repair and construction works between the Kuala Krai and Kuala Lipis train stations, compensation payout and land premium under the ministry, construction and repair work for the Jabatan Laut Semenanjung jetty and the Industrial Collaboration Programme.

The Women, Family and Community Development Ministry requested the additional funds to develop its destitute patients home and for a

special rehabilitation centre for young offenders.

The Health Ministry's funds are meant for managing medical supplies at its headquarters and other states.

The Foreign Ministry's RM24 million fund is for multilateral affairs, representatives' offices abroad, and building maintenance and repair works.

The RM62.7 million fund for the EC is for expenditures

incurred during last year's Sarawak state election, which include emoluments, and supply and services.

Most of the supplementary development expenditure was for the Works Ministry which requested for an additional RM602.76 million, which was allocated for new road projects and existing roads maintenance in Sabah and Sarawak.

The Human Resources Ministry's development pro-

gramme also required an additional RM350 million last year.

During the tabling of Budget 2017 last October, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak had announced an annual budgetary allocation of RM267.2 billion. From the total, some RM215.2 billion was for operational expenditure, while RM52 billion for development expenditure.