

Muhyiddin, ministers to forgo 3 months' salaries

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and cabinet ministers will be forgoing their monthly salary for three months from June in solidarity with the frontliners and Malaysians as the country continues its fight against the pandemic.

The money would instead be channelled to the National Disaster Relief Trust Fund to cover Covid-19-related expenses.

The prime minister, expressing his appreciation for the efforts and commitment shown at all levels, said the government would continue to emphasise the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches in battling the pandemic.

"This refers to efforts to optimise the overall healthcare manpower and role of the frontliners on the ground, as well as Malaysians who are helping to break the Covid-19 infection chain.

"The decision to enforce the lockdown is a difficult but necessary action. Its success will depend on you and by the will of God.

"The government has closed almost all economic and social sec-



*People watching Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's special address to announce the government's financial assistance under **Pemerka Plus** yesterday.* PIC BY FARIZ ISWADI ISMAIL

tors to reduce movement and break the chain of Covid-19 infections," he said in a special address to announce the government's financial assistance under **Pemerka Plus**.

Muhyiddin urged all to stay at home and adhere to the standard operating procedures (SOP) at all

times and reminded everyone that all efforts taken to fight the pandemic would fail otherwise.

"I pray that the pandemic that has affected the country and the world will end soon. To all the frontliners, please remain strong. I know that you are exhausted from battling the virus for more

than a year.

"I pray that Allah grants you the strength to face this huge challenge and hard times."

He also prayed for the speedy recovery of Covid-19 patients and extended condolences to families of those who had succumbed to the virus.