

**Federal Government Loan Down By 27.9 Per Cent In 2010**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- The government made miscellaneous loans totalling RM77.23 billion last year, lower by 27.9 per cent from the RM107.17 billion made in 2009, according to the 2010 Auditor-General's Report released Monday.

There was also a decline in the domestic and foreign borrowing, by 28.1 per cent from RM106.72 billion to RM76.78 billion year-on-year last year.

The report also stated that the amount of foreign assistance was also down by 0.7 per cent, from RM450.82 million in 2009 to RM447.82 million last year.

The report said the government made numerous repayments for the domestic and foreign borrowing, totalling RM31.84 billion last year compared to RM50.93 billion the previous year.

There was still RM407.11 billion in outstanding repayment as of end-2010, it said, adding that it was an increase of RM44.72 billion from RM362.39 billion as of end-2009.

The debt-Gross Domestic Product ratio as at end-2010 was 53.1 per cent.

Overall, nine ministries or departments have spent RM3.73 billion more than the allocated amount.

Among them the Education Ministry which had spent RM28.25 billion compared to the allocation of RM26.49 billion and the Health Ministry which had spent RM12.69 billion from an allocation of RM11.76 billion.

"According to the feedback from the ministries and departments, they have striven to practise prudent spending but had to spend more in view of the increase in their activities and due to unscheduled payments, particularly in the form of assistance," it said.

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