

ISRAELI SALARIES UP IN AIR

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israelis, both wage-earners and the self-employed, are uncertain what their salaries and take-home pay will be.

Usually, June 30 terminates existing labor contracts and cost-of-living allowances. But the labor agreements have not been officially extended or renewed and the COL scale has not been recalculated. In addition, the Knesset has not yet adopted the new tax reform measures which are expected to drastically cut the amount of taxes Israelis pay.

The Histadrut and the Ministry of Finance have agreed tentatively to continue existing labor contracts on a day-by-day basis until the tax reforms are approved. The government is asking the Histadrut to extend the old labor contracts, agree to a modification of the COL allowances and minimize wage demands so that the tax reductions will not set off a new round of inflation, leading to economic catastrophe.

Histadrut wants the present COL allowance to remain tax

free and wants the projected added value tax to be postponed from October to sometime next year.

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