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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 1, 1990 (BERNAMA) -- MAZHAR AND MAIZURA, THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADOPTED CHILDREN, TODAY BECAME THE FIRST TO REGISTER FOR A MONTH-LONG +READ FOR FUN AND HELP SOMEONE+ CAMPAIGN AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY HERE.

UNDER THE CAMPAIGN SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND THEIR HOLIDAYS USEFULLY BY READING AND HELPING OTHERS, SUCH AS THE HANDICAPPED, BY READING TO THEM.

MAZHAR AND MAIZURI, BOTH 6, WERE ACCOMPANIED TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY BY THEIR MOTHER, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH MOHAMAD ALI.

THE CAMPAIGN, SPONSORED BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE READING HABIT AMONG CHILDREN UP TO 12 YEARS OLD AND ALSO TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SELANGOR AND FEDERAL TERRITORY SOCIETY FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, THE CAMPAIGN PATRON, SAID PARENTS SHOULD SPEND MORE TIME TO READ FOR THEIR CHILDREN WHOM SHE URGED TO MAKE USE OF THEIR FREE TIME TO READ RATHER THEN WASTE BY PLAYING.

+PARENTS MUST GET INVOLVED AND TEST THEIR CHILDREN ON WHAT THEY HAVE READ,+ SHE ADDED.

SHE ALSO SAID DEVELOPING THE READING HABIT AND GENEROSITY AT A YOUNG AGE WOULD MAKE THEM GOOD CITIZENS AND AT THE SAME TIME HELP OTHERS, LIKE THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

MAZHAR, 6, WHO IS IN KINDERGARTEN, SAID HE LIKES TO READ HORROR AND COMBAT STORIES BEFORE GOING TO BED.

+I USUALLY READ THREE BOOKS A DAY WITH HELP FROM MUMMY,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, NATIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR GENERAL, PUAN MARIAM ABDUL KADIR, SAID CHILDREN IN THE KLANG VALLEY COULD OBTAIN SPONSOR FORMS FROM PARTICIPATING.

THIS WOULD ENABLE THEM TO GET SPONSORS WHO COULD CONTRIBUTE A MINIMUM OF \$1 FOR EVERY BOOK THEY READ.

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN WHO READ THE MOST BOOKS AND COLLECTED THE MOST SPONSORSHIP WHICH WOULD GO TOWARDS THE FUND. --  
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