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BN COMPONENT PARTIES TO DONATE TO STARVING NORTH KOREANS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties will contribute at least RM10,000 each for the famine victims in North Korea.

"Each party will donate RM10,000 but there is no stopping them to contribute more than that," he told a news conference after chairing a BN supreme council meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has appealed to the international community to help famine-stricken North Korea.

At least RM40 million is needed to feed some 2.6 million starving North Koreans. About 800,000 of the victims are children under five years old.

Contributions can be in cheques or money orders payable to the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (North Korea Famine Relief) and posted to The Star, P.O.Box 12474, 50778 Kuala Lumpur. -- BERNAMA

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