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Budget for Sukma to be limited to RM10m

SHAH ALAM, Thurs. - The seventh Sukan Malaysia or Sukma '98 to be hosted by Selangor next year has become the first casualty of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's directive to the States to reduce extravagant projects.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said the State Government would limit the budget for Sukma to RM10 million.

"Even if the cost is projected to be higher, the State Government will not provide additional allocations.

"We will also seek the help of the private sector for financial support to reduce Sukma's financial burden on the Government," he said adding that several companies had already indicated their willingness to come forward.

Abu Hassan was speaking to reporters after chairing a meeting to discuss the preparation for Sukma scheduled for April next year at Bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah.

The Prime Minister yesterday directed State Governments to reduce programmes considered extravagant in efforts to assist the Federal Government strengthen the country's economy.

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