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CAMPAIGN BY GERAKAN FOR STARVING NORTH KOREANS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia (PGRM) has raised RM100,000 from its members and supporters to provide immediate food relief to the famine-stricken North Korea.

Gerakan secretary-general Tan Sri Datuk Chan Choong Tak said in a statement issued here today that the cheque for the amount would be handed over to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman at the party's 26th national delegates conference on Aug 16.

The party decided to launch a fund-raising campaign for the starving people of North Korea after its delegation headed by Chan witnessed the severity of the situation during a visit to the country this year.

Chan said that upon returning from the visit, he sent a letter to the BN Secretary General Datuk Mohamed Rahmat requesting that an appeal be made to all BN component parties to fairly contribute towards a collective donation.

The money will be used to purchase grains or fertilisers for the starving people of North Korea, he said.

Chan said he was delighted that the request was agreed to by component parties at the BN meeting last week where every party promised to contribute at least RM10,000 to the fund. -- BERNAMA

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