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Donation to North Korean famine victims

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Each of the 14 Barisan Nasional component parties will donate at least RM10,000 to the victims of famine in North Korea, BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the BN meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre today, the Prime Minister said component parties which could afford more than RM10,000 could donate as much as they wanted.

At least RM40 million is needed to buy food for the 2.6 million starving North Koreans, 800,000 of whom are children below the age of five.

International assistance has been sought after severe drought had devastated crops, causing serious food shortage.

Dr Mahathir also said the BN would organise a convention for its youths to enable them to have a deeper understanding of the BN struggle.

"The aim of the convention is for all of us to have a deeper understanding of the BN struggle so that they can continue the struggle ala-BN," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the convention was not to debate on changing BN principles but to understand the BN struggle, which stressed national development.

"The BN has become a model for many multi-racial countries and we are emulated because others regard us as having a successful system," he said.

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