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MB DIRECTS ALL CONCERNED TO DECLARE GIFTS RECEIVED

KANGAR, Aug 10 (Bernama) -- Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim today directed political leaders and public servants in the state to declare whatever gifts they received.

Hitherto, the state had issued directives to organisers of functions to stop giving souvenirs but many appeared to continue doing so, he said.

Shahidan hoped recipients would declare all expensive souvenirs to the government in line with a directive made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, to avoid the smack of corruption.

Shahidah was speaking to reporters after the Padang Besar Umno Division meeting at Bukit Temiang here.

Yesterday, after chairing a Barisan Nasional supreme council meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Dr Mahathir said that all souvenirs received by high-ranking civil servants should be sent to the Finance Ministry to be valued.

Shahidan said the main souvenirs offered by organisers of functions at the state level would be kept at the State Museum, while souvenirs in the form of reading materials should be sent to the Perlis State Library. --

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