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PAHANG TO CIRCULATE GUIDELINES ON GIFTS

KUANTAN, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Guidelines on souvenirs and gifts received by political leaders in Pahang will be circulated to all concerned by the Protocol Division of the State Secretariat, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today.

Met by reporters here, he said the ban on the souvenirs for political leaders, at all functions, also came into force in the state today.

However, they were allowed to receive gifts in the form of fruits and freshwater fish at appropriate rural functions as it was customary for the people to offer such rural produce as a mark of respect and gratitude for leaders.

On gifts in the form of books, he said they could send these direct to the state library for the benefit of the people.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said over the weekend that the government would issue guidelines on the matter, to avoid corruption.--BERNAMA

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