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BN carnival may boost fund by RM2m

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The National Special Fund is expected to be boosted by RM2 million during the Barisan Nasional Carnival on June 14, BN secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat said today.

He said during the carnival at Merdeka Square to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, BN component parties, its Youth movements and corporate figures would come forward to make contributions to the fund.

The fund was launched on March 6 to collect contributions from the public to help the country tide over the economic slowdown.

Mohamed said the one-day carnival and the contributions to the fund were to show support for the Government.

"Commitments made by the BN component parties, their Youth movements and by the private sector have been satisfying," he told reporters after chairing a carnival preparatory meeting at BN headquarters here attended by Youth representatives of BN component parties.

Mohamed said contributions to the special fund would also be made by pupils from 100 Federal Territory schools.

He said 80 stalls would be set up showcasing made-in-Malaysia goods for both sale and promotion.

The carnival will kick off with a run at 6am organised by the Federal Territory Amateur Athletics Association followed by an hour-long cultural show by 15 artistes provided by Recording Industry Malaysia.

A parachute jump by members of the Malaysian expedition to the North Pole, a Royal Malaysian Police tattoo and displays of strength would also be highlights of the day.

About 15,000 BN members are expected to attend the carnival.

Mohamed said BN component parties are encouraged to have carnivals at the state level.

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