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BN Youth pledges a trouble-free rally

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Barisan Nasional Youth will work together with police to ensure its mammoth gathering at Stadium Nasional, Bukit Jalil, on Oct 10 to show support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is trouble-free.

BN Youth secretary Zulkifli Mohamed Alwi said although police were responsible for maintaining law and order, they had also devised plans to prevent trouble-makers from entering or gathering at the stadium.

"However, we hope that the public will understand that this gathering is meant to show our support not only to the party and Government but also for peace and stability," he told reporters after chairing the gathering co-ordinating committee at Putra World Trade Centre today.

Present at the meeting were BN executive secretary Datuk Yaakob Mohamad and representatives from MIC, MCA, Gerakan and PPP Youth wings.

Zulkifli said 100,000 youths were expected to attend the gathering.

"Of this figure, 50,000 are Umno Youth members, 20,000 (MCA), 10,000 (MIC), 10,000 (Gerakan) and 10,000 (PPP) while representatives from component parties in Sabah and Sarawak are also expected to attend," he said.

BN Youth had also invited youth associations, volunteer bodies and non-governmental organisations to send representatives to the gathering.

Zulkifli said they were still waiting for the police permit to organise the mammoth gathering.

He, however, expressed confidence that the application would be approved.

Zulkifli said Dr Mahathir was scheduled to give a speech to explain the current political situation and the steps taken by the Government to overcome the economic problems.

"At the gathering, we will pledge our allegiance to Dr Mahathir, the party and the Government."

On whether Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi would attend the gathering, Zulkifli said they did not know.

"You have to ask him (Ahmad Zahid) yourself," he said.

Ahmad Zahid, who was detained under the Internal Security Act, was released from police custody yesterday.

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