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BN YOUTH TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR DR M IN WORLD'S BIGGEST BANNER

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional Youth will express its support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a banner measuring 150 feet by 100 feet (45m x 30m) believed to be the world's largest at a gala dinner at the Putra World Trade Centre here on Oct 24.

The BN Youth had earlier wanted to express its strong support for Dr Mahathir at a rally at the Stadium Nasional in Bukit Jalil here today but the police turned down its application for a permit on security grounds.

BN Youth Secretary Zulkifli Alwi said Selangor BN Youth was getting ready the banner which would contain words of unqualified support for the government of Dr Mahathir and expressions of love for the country.

He said BN Youth would apply to the relevant authorities to have this feat recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Zulkifli said all all expressions of support for the Prime Minister and the nation sent to BN Youth earlier would be handed over to Dr Mahathir at the dinner.

He earlier chaired a meeting of BN Youth secretaries at the Umno Youth office here.

Zulkifli said people should send in their support statements by Oct 24 via letters or telegrams to the Secretariat, Support Campaign for Malaysia, Barisan Nasional Youth Movement Office, Level 37, Menara Datuk Onn, Putra World Trade Centre, 50480 Kuaal Lumpur for fax it (Fax No 03-4442199) or via e-mail: umnoyouth@tm.net.my.

Zulkifli stressed that the gala dinner was not an alternative to the Bukit Jalil rally but to express appreciation for everyone who worked hard to plan the rally.

Everyone worked so hard to ensure the success of the gathering but its cancellation had not broken the BN Youth spirit to voice its support for the party and the government.

He said Malaysians could not stand by and see certain elements running down the democratically elected government with a view to toppling it through street demonstratins and riots.

Zulkifli said the BN Youth would oppose any attempt by foreign governments, leaders and the media to interfere in the internal affairs of Malaysia particularly pertaining to the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the government.

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