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Contractors paid enough, says Minister

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CONTRACTORS building facilities for the Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games have been told the Government have paid them enough money and they must now get the jobs done on time.

Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said yesterday they will not entertain any request for more money and the contractors must now fulfil their obligations.

"We have paid them enough and just want the work done. Period."

He was responding to questions whether any of the contractors assigned to complete the infrastructure had run into financial difficulties owing to the economic slowdown.

Muhyiddin, who made a four-hour tour of the RM800 million Bukit Jalil Sports Complex comprising the main stadium, indoor stadium, hockey stadium, swimming complex and squash stadium, said things were progressing well.

He disclosed that the Selangor Waterworks Department have cleared the way for the facilities to be tested, including the swimming pool.

The pool needs 12 million litres of clean water, while 360,000 litres were needed to test the air-conditioning system at the main stadium and another 540,000 litres for the indoor stadium.

He said water for landscaping would also be made available.

On the main stadium, Muhyiddin said minor works such as laying of track, installation of scoreboard, corporate boxes, royal box, planting of grass and food courts would be done before the end of next month.

An arch and a 12-metre keris donated by GEC Malaysia would be erected at the entrance to the main stadium in June.

He also said the roof for the diving pool has been dismantled after it was found to be faulty and repairs are being made to it and will be in place before the opening of the complex on July 11 by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the pre-Games opening will be made on a reduced scale with a limited budget and he hopes all contractors and suppliers involved in building the RM1.3 billion worth of infrastructure for the Games to chip in.

"We are hoping friends and sponsors chip in as well."

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