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Dayacom gets job to maintain complex

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THE Government has given a whopping RM12 million contract to a local company, Dayacom, to maintain the RM1.2mil National Sports Complex in Bukit Jalil.

Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Dayacom, an advertising, promotions and event-management company, will start maintaining the complex for one year from next month.

The Merdeka Stadium Board, who has already moved to the Bukit Jalil Stadium, will manage the complex.

Under the contract, Dayacom will not only be in charge of maintaining the Bukit Jalil Stadium but also other venues at the National Sports Complex - the swimming stadium, indoor stadium, squash stadium and the two hockey stadia.

Dayacom will also handle maintenance at the netball and lawn bowl stadia in Bukit Kiara and the women's hockey stadium in Jalan Pantai.

Muhyiddin said the Dayacom contract, which was approved by the Treasury last week, is only valid for 12 months. Any deal on renewal will be based on their job efficiency during this period.

He said the government might hand the deal to another consortium next year as it is looking at the possibility of a privatisation venture for all the venues in Bukit Jalil.

He said Dayacom must prove they can handle the job, which was reportedly sought after by at least 20 local and international companies.

"It's a very tough job but the government is convinced Dayacom is best suited for the job. But we expect a very high standard and Dayacom has to deliver what is expected of them," said Muhyiddin after launching a new Malaysian sport magazine Inside Sport yesterday.

The local-based Dayacom is not new to the scene.

It will manage the RM3mil opening ceremony by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad of the Bukit Jalil complex on July 11 and has been involved in several government programmes in the past, including the launching of the national-level Rakan Sukan programme in Muar and Umno's 50th anniversary celebration.

Dayacom is owned by Dr Kay Faedah Mohamed, a former lecturer at Universiti Pertanian Malaysia. Dr Kay was instrumental in setting up the Foundation for Women in Sports.

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