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DONATION CAMPAIGN NETS 900,000 BOOKS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 20 (Bernama) -- Some 900,000 books worth RM10 million have been collected so far, close to the one million target of the book donation campaign launched in August by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said the books collected were mainly in English and that 20 percent of the total came from the Federal Territory.

Speaking to reporters in Parliament building here today, he said Pulau Pinang contributed 12 percent of the total while the least contribution of five percent came from Kelantan.

He said the closing date for the campaign, jointly organised by the ministry, Petronas and Pos Malaysia, had been extended to November 9 from September 30.

The books collected will be distributed to reading centres, especially in rural areas.

Annuar said the government would allocate RM300,000 to buy additional books and that 500 reading centres would be set up in the rural areas, including in longhouses and Orang Asli settlements.

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