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DR MAHATHIR SATISFIED WITH REHEARSAL- MUHYIDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 20 (Bernama) -- Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said tonight Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was satisfied with the various presentations during the rehearsal for the opening ceremony of the 16th Commonwealth Games at the Stadium Nasional, National Sports Complex in Bukit Jalil here.

The Prime Minister also made several suggestions to further improve the performances from the aspect of rhythm and movements of the cultural dancers, he said.

"The presentation form needs to be improved from various aspects such as the movement of hands and so on. This will be done within the next two or three weeks," he told reporters after attending the rehearsal together with the Prime Minister and other dignitaries.

Muhyiddin said tonight's rehearsal only displayed 60 per cent of the entire performance for the opening ceremony.

Several aspects such as lighting and sound were not included in the rehearsal, he added..

Muhyiddin said a full dress rehearsal would be held on Sept 9 and the Prime Minister would also witness it.

Executive Chairman of Sukom Ninety Eight Berhad Jen (Rtd) Tan Sri Hashim Mohd Ali said several areas of the performances would have to be improved.

"The important thing is the participants should be highly dedicated," he said.

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