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BETTER TURNOUT EXPECTED AT MALAWATI STADIUM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 19 (Bernama) -- For the last six days, there was a lack of spectators for the 16th Commonwealth Games boxing competition. That is expected to change tomorrow.

A larger turnout is expected following Sukom Ninety Eight Bhd's announcement yesterday that the doors of Shah Alam's Malawati Stadium will be opened to members of the public without charge for the finals, where 12 gold medals would be at stake.

One of them would be for the 48kg category bout between local hero Sapok Biki and Kenyan Moses Kinyua.

Yesterday, Sapaok made an open invitation to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to witness the fight. And, according to Dr Mahathir's aide today, the Prime Minister is expected to make trip to witness the bout, which has been scheduled for 2pm as the curtain raiser of the finals.

Larger turnout is also expected from fellow athletes and officials of all participating teams as many of them had completed their events.

The poor turnout at the Malawati Stadium has been a major talking point especially among the foreign journalists and team officials, prompting Sukom to act to allow free entry for the semifinals and finals.

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