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Mahathir-Carnival

MAHATHIR TO LAUNCH BN CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY AT MERDEKA SQUARE

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the Barisan Nasional (BN) Carnival at the Merdeka Square here on Sunday in aid of the Special National Fund to help the country overcome the economic downturn.

Dr Mahathir who is also BN chairman will deliver a keynote address and receive contributions from corporate figures, BN component parties and student representatives from 100 schools in the federal territory.

The one-day carnival is also to promote local goods and services to boost the country economy, said BN secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat in a statement today.

Mohamed who is also Information Minister said there would be a parachute jump by members of the Malaysian expedition to the North Pole recently and a tattoo display.

"Other performances will be from the Malaysian Armed Forces band, members of the Kuala Lumpur-North Africa four-wheel drive expedition, Royal Malaysia Police motorised unit, Benson & Hedges Extreme team and Umno Youth Putra Brigade," he said.

He said the main philosophy of all these activities was to highlight the spirit of "Malaysia Boleh" which served as the driving force to the success of every Malaysian and the country.

"I invite all Malaysians to come to the Merdeka Square on Sunday and let us together celebrate the launching of this Barisan Nasional carnival.

"Their presence reflects the people's solid support to the government in facing and overcoming the economic downturn," he said.

In conjunction with the festival, the BN Supreme Council would hold a meeting in the afternoon at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), he said.

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