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National fund gets RM50,000 boost

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The country's Special National Fund received a boost with an additional RM50,000 in contributions today with donations from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport Bhd and MBf Finance Bhd.

To date, the fund stands at RM2.626 million with local currency worth RM1.944 million, foreign currencies RM80,563, 7.35kg of gold worth RM301,350 and jewellery worth RM300,000.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali had earlier this month donated foreign currencies and jewellery worth RM125,000 to the fund.

At a ceremony held at Bank Rakyat, KLIA's Bhd executive chairman Tan Sri Clifford Herbert presented 185 gold coins (worth RM40,000) and MBf's executive vice-president Ooi Chee Kok donated 111 gold coins (RM10,000) to Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Wong See Wah.

The gold coins donated by KLIA were part of a promotional campaign by MBf Finance Bhd. Customers are required to place a minimum of RM20,000 in MBf Finance Bhd's fixed deposit account for at least 12 months to be eligible for a gold coin.

The campaign, launched in January this year, will come to an end on May 31.

The Government appointed Bank Simpanan Nasional as the receiving agent for local and foreign currencies while Bank Islam and Bank Rakyat were put in charge of accepting valuables.

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