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MAHATHIR HOPES HAZE WILL NOT AFFECT COMMONWEALTH GAMES

KUALA LUMPUR, April 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he is quite hopeful that the haze situation will not affect the 16th Commonwealth Games scheduled here in September.

He is confident that no part of the Games would be cancelled as the government was making sure that measures taken to deal with the haze locally would keep the environment free of haze.

He was responding to questions from members of the foreign media on the effect of the haze on the Commonwealth Games after launching the Malaysian-British Business Council here.

Dr Mahathir also said the preparations for the Games was going on very well and that Malaysia would be ready for it.

"What we worry, of course, is the preparations of our own athletes. They need to train in order to be able to compete and win some of the medals," he said.

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