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SUKMA TO END ONE DAY EARLIER

SHAH ALAM, March 9 (Bernama) -- The 7th Malaysia Games' (Sukma) duration has been reduced by one day to nine days, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said today.

He said the closing ceremony, originally scheduled for April 27, has been brought forward by one day because Awal Muharam falls on April 28.

"This was decided at the Sukma Organising Committee meeting that I chaired this morning," he told a news conference at the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah meeting room here.

The Regent of Selangor will declare open the Games at Stadium Shah Alam on April 18 while Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will close the Games.

The Games, which begin on April 17, will feature 24 sports involving some 3,000 athletes. -- BERNAMA

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