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Mohamed-Donations

TREASURY TO RECEIVE DONATIONS AIMED AT BOOSTING RESERVES

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- The Cabinet decided today that the Treasury will be the body responsible for receiving contributions from the people to increase the nation's reserves.

The Information Ministry's proposal to set up its own fund to collect donations has therefore been called off, said Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat.

The ministry would, however, continue with its Gerakan Setia Negara (National Loyalty Movement) campaign to encourage the people to donate either cash, jewellery or other valuable items, he told reporters at his office.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he would seek Cabinet approval today for a special body to receive the donations.

Mohamed said many people had indicated their interest in donating to the nation since Dr Mahathir announced on Sunday that the government would accept contributions from the people aimed at boosting the country's reserves.

In fact, said Mohamed, even foreigners had applied to donate products to Malaysia.

He declined to reveal what the products were but said a ceremony to receive them would be held next week.

Mohamed said his ministry in its campaign would inform the people that they could send their donations directly to the Treasury.

The ministry is however prepared to accept donations which it would forward to the Treasury.

It will also pass on to the treasury all donations received two days ago from staff of agencies under the ministry.

Mohamed said no other party was allowed to receive the donations and urged the people to report to the authorities if approached by anybody.--

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