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Games-Weightlifting (Venue)

VOLUNTEERS RISE TO THE OCCASION TO GET WEIGHTLIFTING VENUE READY

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- Nadi, the volunteer group for the Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games, wasted no time in getting the Games' weightlifting venue at the Mines Convention Centre here ready immediately after the four-day Malbex '98 exposition ended last Friday.

"We want the venue to be the best for weightlifting so far in the Commonwealth Games," the Sport Manager for Weightlifting, Lt Cdr (R) Kamaruzaman Kadir, said today.

He said while technical delegates from the International Weightlifting Federation recently described the venue as suitable for weightlifting, the Malaysian organisers "want it to be the best for weightlifting in the Games' history so far."

He said contractors for the 15th Malaysian International Building and Construction Exposition (Malbex '98) yesterday dismantled the booths used for the trade show.

Displaying a strong spirit of volunteerism, the Nadi volunteers swung into action today to transform the centre into the weightlifting venue.

"Every team taking part in the weightlifting event will be allowed to visit the venue soon to have the feel of the venue before the event starts on Sept 16," said Kamaruzaman. The weightlifting events run till Sept 19.

"However the teams are not allowed to have their training at the venue," he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to visit the venue next week.

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