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BN TO CELEBRATE SILVER JUBILEE AT BUKIT JALIL STADIUM

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 20 (Bernama) -- All preparations for the Barisan Nasional (BN) Silver Jubilee celebration at the Bukit Jalil Stadium on Sunday are ready, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver a speech at the function which begins at 7.30pm.

Abdullah, who is also chairman of the central organising committee, said various events will be staged including cultural performances, singing of patriotic songs by local singers and poetry recitals on the struggles of BN.

"It is an occasion where we can think back of the BN achievements over the past 25 years and we hope to create awareness among BN members on the cause that we will continue to champion," he said after chairing the meeting on the BN Silver Jubilee celebration at the Putra World Trade Centre, here today.

The meeting was also attended by leaders of the other BN component parties.

He said the gathering at the Bukit Jalil Stadium would also be attended by members of the BN component parties from Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Negeri Sembilan, south Perak and west Pahang.

He said the states would also have similar programmes simultaneously at their respective capitals drawn up by the state BN committees.

He said the celebration is also open to members of the public and would be telecast live on television.

The events at Bukit Jalil would be beamed live to all the celebration venues at the state level, he said.

The gathering at Bukit Jalil will be the largest assembly by a political party in the history of the nation after the gathering when the late Tunku Abdul Rahman Al Haj declared the country's independence at the Merdeka Stadium on Aug 31, 1957.

"I'm sure the rakyat will want to follow the celebrations as it is a fact that during the past 25 years Malaysians had been influenced by BN as a government or political party," he added.

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