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Logo for BN 25th anniversary chosen

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri.- The committee organising Barisan Nasional's 25th anniversary celebrations today decided on its logo which carries the theme Teguh Padu Ke Alaf Baru (United Into the New Millennium).

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who heads the committee, said after chairing its second meeting, that BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would address a big gathering marking the celebrations.

However, the date has not been fixed.

"We will decide on the date when all the preparations are in place," Abdullah said.

He was speaking at a Press conference after a three-hour meeting at the BN headquarters.

Asked whether it would be the stage to officially launch the BN election campaign, he said as long as the general election has not been called, the BN would continue to campaign.

The official kick-off would be when the campaigning period starts, he added.

Asked whether Dr Mahathir's address would be a major speech in view of the coming election, Abdullah said:

"All speeches by the BN chairman are major," he said. There cannot be one major speech and less important ones.

To another question, Abdullah said the anniversary celebrations might well come after the general election which must be held by June 7 next year.

"We can have the celebrations anytime from June 1 this year to June 5 next year," he said referring to the date BN turned 25 last June.

Abdullah also made it clear that the celebrations were not about having a massive festival, but one to emphasise on the achievements of the coalition.

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