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Recreational, sports clubs urged to foster closer ties among people

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today urged all recreational, sports and other clubs in the country to organise more social activities for the benefit of all.

He said clubs played a key role in fostering closer ties among the people and provided an opportunity for all races to come together and exchange ideas.

"The Government is prepared to offer any form of assistance for the success of club level activities," he said after officiating at the Subang Sports and Recreation Club here.

He said the people should be thankful for the peace, racial unity and stable economic situation here compared to neighbouring countries.

Meanwhile, club chairman Azman Shah Abdullah said though the club was only eight months old, they had organised activities aimed at strengthening ties among the people.

The club had also raised RM2,000 from its activities, which included a treasure hunt, for the Tabung Barisan Bertindak Kosovo while RM4,412.40 was collected by passing the hat during the function.

The money was later handed to the Deputy Prime Minister by Azman.

In Kuala Terengganu, a group of 10 Umno Youth members, including several doctors, left for Kosovo last night on a humanitarian mission.

Umno Youth international affairs council secretariat head Tengku Zainuddin Tengku Zahid said the group, led by the council's deputy chairman Dr Shamsul Anuar, was expected to be there for two weeks.

It took along medical supplies worth RM50,000 for distribution to the refugees, Tengku Zainuddin said here, today.

He said the mission was supported by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who wanted Umno Youth members to see for themselves the sufferings of the Muslims in Kosovo.

In Ipoh, two companies jointly raised RM900.62 for the Kosovo Fund at the Bangunan Sri Kinta lobby on Saturday.

They are the sports and recreation club of Seri Iskandar Development Corporation Sdn Bhd (SIDEK), a member of the MRCEB Group, and Peraharta Sdn Bhd, a wholly owned subsidiary of KUB (M) Berhad.

Peraharta Sdn Bhd manager Mior Azhar Mior Mohd Junid later handed over the cash to TV3 correspondent Lam Koon Sang at a simple ceremony.

The total sum included a donation of RM73 from the staff of the Immigration Department whose office is housed in the same building.

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