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Swim

UNEMPLOYED SWIMS ACROSS PULAU PINANG CHANNEL FOR CHARITY

BUTTERWORTH, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- An unemployed, Abdul Malik Mydin, today swam across the Pulau Pinang Channel in his effort to collect donations for the Kosovo Action Front Fund.

Abdul Malik, 24, began his 7.8-km swim at 2pm from Padang Kota Lama here and braved choppy waters to accomplish his feat about four hours later when he reached the beach near North Butterworth container terminal.

Abdul Malik also handed over the Jalur Gemilang which he brought along to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to mark the launch of the donation drive organised by the Bagan Umno division.

Abdullah received RM7,000 in donations for the fund from individuals and corporate bodies after Abdul Malik's feat.

Speaking to reporters, Abdul Malik said he was stung by jelly fish during his non stop swim but kept up the pace in order to fulfill his aim of helping to collect donations for the fund.

Abdul Malik said he was inspired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for Malaysians to brave all challenges they face.

"I am very contented even though I am very tired and had been stunged by some 30 jelly fish in the sea and I will try to swim across the English Channel if given the opportunity," he said.

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