

All kinds of porridge for a noble cause

KUALA LUMPUR: Too many cooks may spoil the broth but how many types of porridge does it take to earn a place in the Malaysia Book of Records?

Exactly 1,422.

The attempt to cook the most types of porridge was made as a gimmick at the launch of the month-long *Ramadan Bazaar* at Jalan Masjid India yesterday.

There were *bubur* assyura, *bubur lambuk*, *bubur daging*, *bubur ikan*, *bubur kacang*, *bubur telur masin* and all kinds of por-

ridge imaginable.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir said the porridge would be sold and money raised would be donated to Afghan refugees.

"It is up to the people to pay how much they want for the porridge. It is our way of showing we care while we observe the holy month of Ramadan," he said.

Earlier, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the spirit of tolerance practised by Malaysians of a i i

faiths would help the country develop even faster.

He said the Government was heartened by the co-operation and tolerance shown by the people whenever a festival was approaching.

"This augurs well for the country because the Government can focus all its energy on development," he said when launching the *Ramadan Bazaar bazaar* organised by the Culture Arts and Tourism Ministry yesterday.

He said he hoped the goodwill

that prevailed among all the races would continue forever.

Abdullah said non-Muslims should not fear the announcement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently that Malaysia was an Islamic country.

"Non-Muslims will continue to play a role in the development of the country just like they have done in the past," he said.

He said their rights could never be taken away because they were enshrined in the Constitution.