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50 doctors pledge to help Afghan refugees

SHAH ALAM, Sun. - About 50 Malaysian doctors and 70 paramedical officers have pledged to provide medical assistance to Afghan refugees, Tabung Ehsan Afghanistan chairman Zulkifli Mohd Alwi said today.

He said they came from all races and this reflected Malaysians' caring spirit to help others irrespective of background, religion and race.

"Ten of them are scheduled to leave for Pakistan on Nov 19 on a military aircraft that will carry five tonnes of medical supplies."

He said the team would help the Afghan refugees in Pakistan for a month before another team took over.

"I will be leaving for Pakistan on Tuesday with a small team and some basic medical supplies," he added.

He said this after receiving RM20,000 from Team RFC (Racing For Charity) which participated in the Merdeka Millennium 12-hour Endurance Race 2001.

Three other charities - the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia, Thalassaemia Association of Malaysia and Lembaga Kebajikan Perempuan Islam Malaysia - also received RM50,000 each.

The cheque was presented by Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, the wife of the Prime Minister.

Also present were Jaseri Auto Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir, Pengurusan Danaharta Nasional Bhd chairman Datuk Azman Yahya and Porsche Malaysia Club president Aminuddin Omar.

The Team RFC comprised three drivers and a support team.

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