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BN TO LAUNCH BOOK ON "BALANCING COMMUNAL RIGHTS" AT CONVENTION

KUALA LUMPUR, July 4 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) will launch a book titled "Balancing Communal Rights", a book illustrating the ruling BN.

BN secretary-general Tan Sri Mohamed Rahmat said the book published in English would be launched at the end of the BN Convention at Dewan Merdeka of the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here on Saturday.

The book was published following numerous requests, especially from foreign countries to know about the 13-member governing coalition, he told a media conference on the BN Convention today.

The one-day convention themed "Barisan Nasional Pillar of the Nation's Strength" will be chaired by Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Mohamed said racial imbalance still existed in the country and the economic crisis and globalisation might widen the imbalance gap.

"Balancing the rights among the races cannot be taken lightly. It must be the new direction, this will be an important struggle for the party and government," he said.

Mohamed said balancing the rights among the various races must be regarded as an important effort because if it was not tackled, it would give rise to new problems.

He said Dr Mahathir would deliver a keynote address at the convention, touching on, among others, the direction and BN's new role for the people and country.

Presidents of BN component parties would debate on the keynote address and Dr Mahathir would wind up the debate at the end of the convention, he said.

Mohamed said about 5,000 people from various levels of the BN component parties had been invited to attend the convention and he expected most of them to attend.

The BN Constitution states that the coalition need to hold a convention every year.

Although the BN did not hold a convention since 1995, it staged events in other forms such as the coalition's anniversary celebrations, he added.

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