

# Armed forces and police aim for RM10m

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — The armed forces and police are aiming to collect RM10 million this year for the National Heroes and Defence Trust Fund to help injured personnel or family members of those killed while on duty.

Several events, including musical shows by the Armed Forces and Police Combined Band at the Bukit Jalil stadium on April 5 and 6 will be held to raise funds.

Armed Forces chief Jen Tan Sri Mohamed Zahidi Zainuddin said armed forces bands from Singapore and Brunei were expected to participate in the band show.

Besides these two shows, there will also be a military tattoo and parade as well as a gymnastic performance by the armed forces.

“To spice up the shows, we have also invited three local artistes — Siti Nurhaliza, Intan Sarafina and Tan Sri S.M. Salim to perform,” he said at a joint Press conference with deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Jamil Johari at Wisma Pertahanan in Jalan Padang Tembak today.

Each show is expected to attract about 80,000 people and they are expecting a collection of at least RM3 million.

A total of 489 personnel from the Singapore, Brunei and Ma-

laysian police and armed forces will take part in the shows.

Among those expected to attend the show on April 5 are the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail, Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid and the Cabinet ministers.

Tickets priced at RM10 for adults and RM5 for children will be on sale soon.

The fund was set up in 1984 and is managed by a board of directors, which comprises 19 members and is chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The fund is disbursed in the form of ex-gratia payments, subsistence allowances, education allowances and orthopaedic equipment and maintenance to the men or their families.

The armed forces collected about RM1.4 million last year.

Some RM3.9 million of funds have been disbursed between 1997 and last year.

Jamil said between 1997 and last year, police had disbursed about RM1.18 million to deserving persons.

“Let’s all enjoy ourselves while donating for a good cause,” he added.