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Tattoo-fund

ARMED FORCES AND POLICE TO HOLD JOINT TATTOO

KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian armed forces and the police will hold a joint tattoo at the Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil here on April 5 and 6, in aid of the defence trust fund or "Tabung Amanah Perwira dan Pertahanan Negara" (TAPPN).

The joint tattoo is in response to call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the armed forces and the police organise activities to raise money for the fund, which provides aid to their members who sustain injuries while performing duties involving national security, and also their widows and children.

Defence Forces Chief Tan Sri Zahidi Zainuddin told a news conference here today that armed forces and police personnel from Singapore and Brunei would also take part in the tattoo which would be officiated by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail on April 5.

The Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid would also be present.

In addition to performance by armed forces and police bands from Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, spectators would also be entertained by popular artistes such as Tan Sri SM Salim, Siti Nurhaliza and Intan Sarafina, he said.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Mohd Jamil Johari, who was also present at the news conference, said the fund was managed by a board of management headed by Dr Mahathir.

For the period 1997-2001, TAPPN had provided RM1.183 million in assistance to 191 officers and men who were injured while on duty.

During the function, Siti Nurhaliza and SM Salim donated RM20,000 each while Intan Sarafina RM10,000 to the fund.

Tickets for the tattoo priced at RM10 each for adults and RM5 each children will be available at the counters of the armed forces and police museums, Perbadanan Perwira Niaga Malaysia (PERNAMA), STAR-LRT, PUTRA-LRT and the national stadium in Bukit Jalil.

SM Salim, when met by Bernama, described it as a honour to be invited to perform at the show. In 1961, he entertained Malaysian troops serving in Congo, now Republic of Zaire.

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