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MALAYSIAN PEACE CAMPAIGN TARGETS 200,000

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 7 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Alliance for Peace (Peace Malaysia), organisers of A Million Peace Signatures Campaign in Malaysia, expects 200,000 people to attend a national peace rally at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium on Feb 23.

At the rally a million signatures and a memorandum will be handed to the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to be tabled at the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit from Feb 20-25.

The Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo said he was confident of the turnout as there had been united support from various parties.

"So far about 1,050 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have pledged solidarity to make this campaign a success and we are confident the turnout will be achievable," he said.

He said this to reporters after chairing a special meeting on the national peace rally at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) today.

Dr Mohamad Khir said the effort prove that Malaysians were not in favour of war and injustice perpetrated by powerful states against smaller nations.

A Million Peace Signatures Campaign in Malaysia is jointly undertaken by the 4B Youth Movement and Malaysian Association of Youth Clubs (MAYC) to oppose the United States of America's stance on Iraq and the Palestinian issue.

The highlight of the event would be the 5pm peace message by the Prime Minister, televised live nationwide, Dr Mohamad Khir said.

"The Prime Minister's speech will be broadcasted on screens in hotels where the NAM foreign delegates will be staying," he said.

The organisers have also received the support of the LRT Star to extend its services up until 3am for the convenience of the public.

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