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Keadilan-Launch

PARTI KEADILAN RAKYAT TO BE LAUNCHED AUG 3

SHAH ALAM, Aug 1 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Rakyat, the result of a merger between Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) and Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM), will be launched on Sunday.

Its secretary-general, Abdul Rahman Osman, said the ceremony was a manifestation of a new political order, which was not based on any one race, culture or religion, being offered to the public.

"The ceremony will introduce the main leaders of the party, combining those from Keadilan and PRM. The public can also hear the official song of Parti Keadilan Rakyat, entitled "Kami Arus Perjuangan" (We are the Wave of Struggle)," he said here today.

He said some 2,000 people, including Alternative Front leaders, foreign dignitaries, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and supporters were expected at the function.

On the party's registration with the Registrar of Societies, Abdul Rahman said a special envoy had been appointed to find out the status of the application, which was submitted eight months ago.

Party president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, deputy president Dr Syed Hussin Ali and Abdul Rahman are expected to speak at the launch.

Meanwhile, Abdul Rahman said, the Alternative Front would hold a dialogue on the national budget to get feedback from professionals, NGOs and other opposition parties at the Parti Keadilan Rakyat headquarters on Aug 9.

The budget would then be announced to the people before the Finance Minister and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tabled the 2004 Budget in Parliament on Sept 12, he said.

"We want it to be something approved or processed by the people. Issues involve balanced distribution of economic objectives, Government allocations which need to reach target groups and the country's competitiveness," he said.

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