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Peace-rally

A CROWD OF 200,000 EXPECTED AT BUKIT JALIL'S PEACE RALLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 21 (Bernama) -- The People's Alliance For Peace Malaysia (Malaysians for Peace) expects 200,000 people to turn up at its rally on Sunday where Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will address the crowd.

The rally organising secretary, Norizan Sharif said members of the public should bring along the national flag to the rally to be held at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil here.

Representatives from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) could also put up banners in support of call for peace, he said.

To ensure an orderly entry to the stadium, Norizan said those from Johor, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Sabah and Sarawak should use the blue and purple entrances while those from the Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Kedah and Perlis, the red and yellow entrances.

He said the green entrance would be for those from Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, Perak and Penang.

"They must also give their cooperation to security forces and duty personnel to ensure the rally will go smoothly. Duty personnel will be wearing red arm band with the word 'PEACE'," he said

Norizan advised them to come early to the stadium and use public transport, such as the Light Rail Transit (LRT) which would remain operational until 3am the following day.

He said items such as stick, umbrella and canned or bottled drinks would not be allowed into the stadium.

Meanwhile, Malaysians for Peace Exposition Activity Coordinator Ezaruddin Abd Rahman also invited the public to the Peace Night at the grounds of the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) tomorrow evening.

Activities will include poetry reading, singing and pantomime, based on theme of peace, he said in a statement.

Meanwhile, more organisations are helping in the Malaysians for Peace's campaign to collect one million signatures.

Felcra Bhd for example has succeeded in collecting 2,379 from its staff nationwide.

"The Felcra Bhd's board and management support the government's efforts in opposing any form of terrorism in the world," said its chief executive and president Ashaari Yusoff.

The biggest local insurance company, Malaysia National Insurance Bhd (MNI) also showed their support against war and terrorism through the campaign.

More than 800 signatures from employees, customers and tenants were collected in six hours.

The company's Chief Operating Officer Mohd Najib Abdullah said in a statement that it is the first time whereby the Company managed to gather its employees, clients and tenants in a very important campaign for world peace.

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