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RM7.5m more given

PUTRAJAYA, Sun. - The New Straits Times Press Group and its associate companies, TV3 and 8TV, today handed over RM7.5 million, the third batch of donations from the Malaysian Tsunami Disaster Fund, to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

NSTP (M) Bhd chief executive officer Syed Faisal Albar and TV3 CEO Datuk Ahmad Farid Ridzuan, NSTP deputy group-editor-in-chief/Berita Harian group editor Datuk Hishamuddin Aun and 8TV chief operating officer Ahmad Izham Omar handed over the mock cheque to Najib.

Donations given by the NSTP Group to the National Disaster Relief Fund, which Najib heads, now stand at RM26.285 million.

The Malaysian Tsunami Disaster Fund has collected RM37.38 million.

Today's cheque presentation was preceded by races at the "Racers United in Aid of Tsunami Fund" at the Sepang International Circuit. The event collected over RM600,000.

Race enthusiasts converged on the track and paddock area to catch a glimpse of the flashy Porsche GT3 racing cars and Lamborghini Murcielago R-GT.

These machines were fixed with passenger seats to allow donors a true racing experience around the 5.543km circuit.

The highlight of the day was the much-awaited opportunity of being chauffeured around in a Porsche Cayenne SUV by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Nine of the highest bidders had the chance of being driven by Dr Mahathir.

SIC chairman Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir declared the event a great success. SIC will set up donation boxes around the circuit to generate more funds for the tsunami victims.

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