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#### Encouraging response to signature campaign

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Public response to the signature campaign for world peace organised by Gerakan Belia 4B and the Malaysian Youth Council is encouraging.

The campaign, called Gempur 21, is part of activities held in conjunction with next month's Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit.

It aims to get signatures of an estimated one million Malaysians calling for world peace.

The memorandum, containing the signatures, will be handed over to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Feb 23 by Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein.

The adviser for the campaign in the Federal Territory, Norman Hassan, said about 7,000 signatures had been collected in Kuala Lumpur so far and "we hope from today, we can have at least an average of 15,000 signatures daily before we hand over the memorandum".

He said this at the Kotaraya Complex here today - the fourth public place where the public was stopped by a number of volunteers to sign the memorandum.

The other places were Suria KLCC, Central Market and Mahkota Parade in Malacca.

Norman said about 150 schools and public and private colleges in the Federal Territory have been given similar forms.

Khairunisa Jalil, 19, a student here, said she signed the memorandum because "war is ugly and not a means to end any conflict".

Sebastian Lee, 21, from Ipoh said the campaign is raising awareness about the conflict in the Middle East.

British tourists Ann and Max Turner, who also signed the petition, said they objected to any threat of war against Iraq and that the United States must abide by the United Nations' decisions.