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Peace campaign exceeds target

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Some 1.2 million signatures have been collected nationwide by the People's Alliance For Peace Malaysia (Peace Malaysia) at the end of the campaign today - exceeding its one million target.

The "Love Peace Not War" campaign which began on Jan 3, has shown that Malaysians are against any move to attack Iraq, Palestine or any other countries.

Peace Malaysia's working group co-ordinator Zulkifli Mohd Alwi said the group was touched by the overwhelming response and thanked those who had demonstrated their support for peace.

He said this at a presentation of signature forms at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Miharja in Cheras.

At the event, Cheras Education Foundation chairman Datuk Syed Ali Alhabshee presented a box containing 23,498 signatures to Zulkifli.

Of the figure, 18,000 signatures were collected from teachers and students from the foundation's 24 adopted schools in the Klang Valley, while the rest were from residents in Cheras.

Zulkifli said the signature forms would be presented to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Peace Malaysia rally at 5pm at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil on Sunday.

He said Peace Malaysia would continue to ask Malaysians to place their signatures on the forms though the campaign had officially ended.

Peace Malaysia is a coalition of non-governmental organisations with the common goal of pursuing a permanent and just world peace.