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Why BN anniversary do wasn't telecast live

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - An unavoidable technical fault was the reason RTM did not telecast live the Barisan Nasional's 50th anniversary celebrations held at Merdeka Stadium last Saturday.

The RTM secretariat today issued an apology for not screening the event attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and other BN component party leaders.

"However, RTM had carried out preevent publicity onalarge scaleandalsoonthe background of the powersharing concept adopted bythe BNbefore andafter Merdeka," said the statement.

It said Radio Satu had aired "cross-over" from the stadium on that day. The event was also reported in the news aired on TV1 and TV2 at 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 8pm.

The statement was in response to the one by BN secretary-general Tan Sri Mohamed Rahmat who expressed disappointment that the event was not aired live over RTM.

Mohamed also said the matter was agreed earlier during the organising committee's meeting and his side had made preparations for the live telecast.

He had enquired about the matter on Saturday before the event started, and was informed by Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob there would be a live telecast.