

**Memo On National Baitulmal For King
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GEORGE TOWN, Aug 10 (Bernama) -- The Penang Malays Association (Pemenang) is to send a memorandum to Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin proposing the setting up of a national "baitulmal" (treasury) to integrate the collection of tithes.

Pemenang president Datuk Seri Mohd Yusuf Latiff said the state tithe collection centres could channel their funds to the central authority for distribution directly to the needy nationwide.

He also said that the national baitulmal could collect tithes from corporate organisations and government-linked companies.

A copy of the memorandum would be sent to Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom, he added.

Mohd Yusuf said it was embarrassing to find Muslims living in poverty without any aid when every state collected millions of ringgit in tithes.

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