

Veteran Artistes Pledge Support For BN Leadership
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KUANTAN, March 10 (Bernama) -- The Welfare Association of Malaysian Veteran Artistes today pledged its support for the Barisan Nasional (BN) government.

Its president, Datuk Aziz Satar, said they were prepared to go to the ground to thwart attempts by irresponsible quarters to hoodwink the people to ensure BN would remain in power after the 13th general election.

He said the association felt obliged to help the government which had implemented various development programmes for the people, regardless of race, religion and political affiliations, he added.

He was met by reporters after an exercise programme organised by the Pahang Special Affairs Department, the Pahang Menteri Besar's Office and the Kampung Chempaka Development and Security Committee here.

More than 200 local residents participated in programme and they were joined by more than 50 veteran artistes who included Mariani Ismail, Ruminah Sidek, Sofia Ibrahim, Datuk Yusni Hamid, Halil Chik, Zaibo, Hamid Gurkha, Aspalela Abdullah, Mubarak Majid, Datuk Zulkifli Zain and wife, Datin Normala Omar.

Aziz said the association thanked the government for the various contributions to the artistes, as well as efforts made to develop the local entertainment industry.

He said the association had carried out a similar programme in nine locations in Selangor and four in Pahang, and planned to also do so in Perak and Kedah.

"This is a contribution from veteran artistes to the government and we hope more young artistes will also be able to do their part to show their support for the government which has done a lot for the entertainment industry," he added.

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