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Sukom-Traffic

GOVT TO OVERCOME KL TRAFFIC PROBLEMS BEFORE GAMES

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 16 (Bernama) -- Traffic problems in the city were given serious consideration at a meeting of the Commonwealth Games (Sukom) Supreme Council here on Saturday.

Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the meeting, which was also attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, discussed problems that might affect the smooth running of the games.

"The Prime Minister asked for a detailed study to be carried out on the traffic problems to overcome any discomfort and inconvenience that might be faced by both athletes and spectators during the Commonwealth Games," he said after opening the secretariat of the Malaysia-Everest '97 Project here.

Dr Mahathir also stressed that the Light Rail Transit (LRT) system be effectively operational in terms of frequency to and from the sports centre, if possible at intervals of 15 minutes, he said.

Muhyiddin said Dr Mahathir also wanted KTM Bhd to run extra coaches during the games if necessary.

Apart from that, the Prime Minister also asked that a study be done on other public transportation systems.

The city police traffic branch and the Road Transport Department should also be involved in the study.

According to Muhyiddin, Dr Mahathir was briefed at the meeting on the preparations done for the games and he was satisfied with the progress made. -- BERNAMA

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