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PLUS ASKED TO SET UP EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE UNITS ALONG HIGHWAY

SEREMBAN, April 1 (Bernama) -- Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Mohamed Ali Rustam said today Projek Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan (PLUS) will be asked to set up emergency assistance units to help accident victims along the North-South Highway during the festive seasons.

The number of road fatalities could be reduced if the victims were given immediate first aid, he added.

"About 35 percent of accident victims died on their way to hospital or a few hours after admission," he told reporters after calling on Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad at Wisma Negeri here.

The decision to ask PLUS to set up such units was based on recommendations made at the end of a two-day discussion on road safety between several agencies including the police, Road Transport Department (JPJ), PLUS and local universities in Port Dickson yesterday.

Earlier, Mohamed Ali, who is also President of the 4B Youth Movement, said the movement would form a microlight aircraft club as one of its main activities.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the club at Batu Berendam in Melaka on May 5.

The club, open to all 4B Youth members, would charge RM2,000 for 25 hours of flight training to qualify for a microlight aircraft pilot's licence.

He said the 4B Youth Movement bought seven microlight aircraft, costing a total of RM240,000, and the flight training would be conducted by Syarikat Aeroflight in Port Dickson. -- BERNAMA

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