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PREMIER CALL ON ROAD SAFETY

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 15 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today advised those joining the rush home to celebrate Chinese New Year and Hari Raya Aidil Fitri next week to be careful on the road.

The Prime Minister said they might be a little late by driving carefully but this is better than getting killed on the road.

"Please do not speed, and think of the interests of other road users," he told reporters after recording his Hari Raya message at Angkasapuri here.

Dr Mahathir said most accidents in the country were caused by careless motorists and motorcyclists, and not defective roads or vehicles.

The drivers' impatience to reach their destinations may result in them getting killed or injured and bring grief to their families, he said.

"This time we are asking the Road Transport Department to escort motorcyclists so that they will not meet with accidents," he added. -- Bernama

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