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PM TO LAUNCH ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ON SEPT 18

SEGAMAT, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- A road safety campaign targetted at motorcyclists and pillion riders will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed on Sept 18.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said, although the campaign was yet to be launched the police had already implemented it in the interest of road users.

"I have discussed with the police...they will be firm on this matter solely for the purpose of saving lives," he told reporters after opening the new assembly hall of Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan Cina Chaah, near hear, last night.

Dr Ling said, accident statistics proved that 60 per cent of fatal cases in the country involved motorcyclists and pillion riders and many of the accidents occurred in town areas.

He was glad to note that many motorcyclists and pillion riders in rural areas were starting to use crash helmets.

However, he said, for the helmets to be effective the straps must be properly secured.

"With straps properly secured, a rider or his pillion rider has greater chance of survival in an accident," he said.

In this regard, he said motorcyclists and pillion riders should not view it as something trivial for it could save their lives. -- BERNAMA

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