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Aircraft-Alarm

SPECTATORS ALARMED AT AEROBATIC DISPLAY

LANGKAWI, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- Visitors to the Langkawi Fly-In 1997 were alarmed to see a "female student" piloting a light aircraft, a Piper Cub ZS BCV from South Africa, from the apron of the Langkawi International Airport here, this afternoon.

A Malaysia Airport Berhad fire engine rushed close to the runway as soon as the aircraft was airborne but appeared to be out of control.

Relief swept over the crowd when they saw the "student" pilot with a moustache and wearing a baju kurung stepping out of the aircraft after it landed safely and realised that it was only an aerobatic display by a South African professional pilot, Kuba Miszewski.

The aerobatic display was the climax of the Langkawi Fly-In 1997 on the last day of the four-day exhibition which was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Earlier, eight parachutists from the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), Royal Malaysian Police and Federal Territory Flying Club displayed their parachuting skills.

Members of the public were also treated to a flying demonstration of a locally manufactured remote controlled plane by Haji Mohamed Yusuf Hassan.

The model plane was made by MYHH Hobby Centre, the only aeromodelling company in the country. -- BERNAMA

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