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Langkawi Air Carnival to have light aircraft aerial displays

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LANGKAWI, Tues. - Static and aerial displays by some 60 light aircraft, an air race, parachuting and hot air balloon rides are among the highlights of the Langkawi Air Carnival '98 to be held on Dec 5 and 6.

The carnival, to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will be held on the grounds and inside the Dewan Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre, the same venue as the bigger biennial Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition.

The event, held in conjunction with the school holidays, is jointly organised by the Langkawi Development Authority and Langkawi Air Recreation Club.

In a statement, LADA public relations officer Mohd Hatta bin Said said the 60 light aircraft involving 200 pilots will include the Pilatus, Eagle, Cessna, Piper 28, Robin, Bonanza, Cheetah and DASH7.

He said foreign and local firms will also be displaying their products pertaining to the light aircraft industry.

Tourism related activities like top spinning and batik painting will be held during the two day event.

Meanwhile, the French Festival '98 will be held at the Book Village in Lubuk Semilang from Dec 4-6.

Among the highlights of the festival, themed Ready for reading, are French cinema, theatre and video shows, pastry workshop, karaoke, cheese tasting and book and education fair.

A French jazz band "Accoules Sax" will also perform. They will go on a street parade in Kuah, Pantai Cenang and the airport.

An added holiday season attraction is the Joran '98 angling competition on Dec 4 and 5 which is organised by Berita Harian.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid will give away the prizes to the anglers at Awana Porto Malai.

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