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Games-Rehearsal

MORE THAN 80,000 EXPECTED FOR REHEARSAL

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- More than 80,000 people are expected to attend the rehearsal for the opening ceremony of the 16th Commonwealth Games to be held at the Nasional Stadium, here, tomorrow.

Deputy Director For Internal Security and Public Order SAC II Dell Akhbar Khan said today the rehearsal would begin at 5pm and ends some six hours later.

"We expect massive traffic congestion since tomorrow is also a race day at the Selangor Turf Club. I advise the public to come early," he said at the news conference at the Games Traffic Control Room.

A dress rehearsal will be held on Sept 9 at the Nasional Stadium to be witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dell Akbar said several routes in Bukit Jalil would be turned into one-way roads to facilitate traffic flow.

He said only vehicles with stickers would be allowed into the compound at the Nasional Sports Complex while those without stickers would have to be parked at the Technology Park Malaysia (TPM) parking lots located behind the Astro building.

The TPM car parking area can accomodate 10,000 various vehicles apart from 4,000 motorcycles.

Dell Akbar said the public could also leave their vehicles at the Selangor Turf Club parking area.

He said the public was encouraged to use the Light Rail Transit (LRT) services provided by Star and Putra.

Those taking the Putra LRT can stop at the Central Market station before boarding the Star LRT at Masjid Jamek station to reach Bukit Jalil.

Further information on the traffic routes can be obtained by contacting the Games Traffic Operations Room at 03-2329044.

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