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Route

ROUTES FOR THE NATIONAL DAY PARADE

PULAU PINANG, Aug 20 (Bernama) -- The police have provided several routes for members of the public to attend the 41st National Day celebrations parade in Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah, here on Aug 31.

North East District Traffic Police Chief DSP Husnan Abdul Latiff said traffic policemen would be deployed at 36 road intersections to guide motorists.

Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah will be closed to traffic from 6.45am until the parade is over. The road will also be closed on Aug 25, 27 and 29 for rehearsals.

Speaking at a news conference here, Husnan said motorists heading for the parade site could use the Gelugor roundabout-Jalan Yap Chor Ee-Jalan Lembah and they could park their vehicles at the Taman Tun Sardon car park.

They could also use Jalan Tun Dr Awang-Jalan Bukit Gambir and enter the University Sains Malaysia (USM) campus through the Sungai Dua and Jalan Bukit Gambir entrance and park their vehicles at the university.

Husnan said 1,000 vehicles could be parked within the USM campus while another 200 could be left along the Solok Pemancar road.

Meanwhile, 120 buses carrying some 3,000 students involved in field performances could park at the USM hockey stadium while those ferrying parade participants behind the Sungai Nibong carnival site.

Husnan said vehicles heading for Seberang Perai from Georgetown on that day could use the State Mosque/Jelutong route to get to Jalan Tengku Kudin before reaching the Pulau Pinang Bridge.

Vehicles heading for Bayan Lepas International Airport/Bayan Lepas/Bayan Baru could use Jalan Tengku Kudin-Sungai Nibong Expressway-Bayan Lepas Expressway-Sungai Nibong Roundabout-Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah-Airport route.

Vehicles from Bayan Baru/Bayan Lepas heading for Seberang Perai could use the Sungai Nibong-Bayan Lepas Expressway- Sungai Nibong Expressway-Pulau Pinang Bridge route or via Jalan Tengku Kudin to either Jelutong or Georgetown.

Husnan said several routes around Padang Kota would also be closed to traffic on Aug 30 from 6pm for the Merdeka concert.

About 50,000 people are expected to be at Padang Kota on the Merdeka Day eve to witness the national flag-raising ceremony which would also be attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

On Aug 30, the "Eon-Pandu Proton Merdeka" event would be staged from Seberang Perai to the island through the Pulau Pinang Bridge and the route to the island will be closed to traffic until the event is over.

Those with enquiries on the traffic routes can contact the North East district traffic police operations room at 04-2691999.

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