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Bangsar all set to welcome PM to carnival

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Everything is in place to welcome Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to the Bangsar Youth Carnival and Parade tomorrow.

Youth and Sports Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, who is the chairman of the organising committee, said she hoped everyone would join in and celebrate the country's achievements. The carnival is being held in conjunction with the 42nd National Day celebration.

Organised by the Youth and Sports Ministry, the event is supported by the Bangsar residents' associations, the Federal Territory Youth and Sports Department, Bangsar Business Council and the Jalan Telawi hawkers.

"The festival is for everybody, especially the young, as we want to instil in them the sense of patriotism and love for the country. And Bangsar is the ideal location to have this celebration," she said tonight.

Federal Territory police chief Datuk Kamaruddin Ali said everything had been done to ensure smooth traffic flow during the festival. "We encourage visitors to use public transport so as to ease traffic congestion in the area."

Several roads in Bangsar Baru will be closed to traffic during the carnival: Jalan Telawi, Jalan Telawi 1, and Jalan Telawi 3 (from 4pm to midnight).

A one-hour youth parade will begin at 8pm in Jalan Maarof, proceeding to Jalan Telawi 4 and Jalan Telawi 5 before ending in Jalan Telawi 1 (near the mosque).

Guests will include Sea Games gold medallists and sailor Datuk Azhar Mansor.

There will be a quiz for children while entertainment will be provided by nasyid groups, traditional song-and-dance troupes and contemporary musicians on three different stages in Jalan Telawi.

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