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Bangsar to hold festival to mark N-Day

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - In conjunction with the 42nd National Day, a two-day "Festival Belia dan Perbarisan" has been organised on a grand scale in Bangsar with various activities for adults and youth on Aug 28 and 29.

Themed "Kejayaan Lalu Inspirasi Alaf Baru", the festival will be officially launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at 8.40pm on Sunday.

For the celebration, Jalan Telawi, Jalan Telawi 1, and Jalan Telawi 3 will be closed to traffic from 4pm to midnight on Sunday, during which the one-hour Youth Parade will be held.

The contingent comprises more than 40 groups from various youth sports and recreation clubs, associations, schools and universities and six bands. They will be led by SEA Games athletes.

The parade will start at Jalan Maarof, pass through Jalan Telawi 4, Jalan Telawi 5 and end at the Jalan Telawi 1 junction (near the mosque).

Visitors to the festival during the closure of the above roads will be allowed to park their vehicles along both sides of Jalan Maarof, right up to Jalan Telawi 6.

This was announced during a Press conference by Lembah Pantai MP Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil in Bangsar today. Also present was the event organiser Daya Communications Sdn Bhd's executive vice-president Dr Kay Faezah Mohamed.

Sharizat said the first ever Merdeka Festival was being organised to inculcate the spirit of patriotism among youth in the Federal Territory.

"Bangsar is a 'happening place' and you can attract most of the youth around the area to participate in the various activities especially rollerblading, skateboarding, rock climbing, mountain biking and many more.

"For the music fans, live performance by Ziana Zain, M. Nasir, Innuendo, Shima, Jay Jay, Liza Hanim and many others will be performed. Traditional dances by the DBKL and Telekom as well as bhangra, lion dance and kung fu demonstration will also be held," she said.

Among the activities lined up for the two-day extravaganza are sports bazaar, street soccer, Patriotic Gig, Merdeka quiz and nasyid performances.

Various stalls selling sports items and goods, and booths to book tickets for the Formula 1 Championship and Cyber Sports Car Petronas will be put up.

Three stages will be set up for the various performances and activities.

Telekom Malaysia Berhad has sponsored more than 1,000 prizes for contest winners and three handphones for the three lucky draw winners.

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