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Dr Mahathir to attend youth parade in Bangsar

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be the guest of honour at a Merdeka Day parade which will comprise more than 1,500 youths in Jalan Telawi 2, Bangsar, on Sunday.

Youth and Sports Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said the Youth Festival and Parade would begin at 8am.

"The majority of the participants of the 43 contingents and brass bands are youths from several voluntary groups and organisations here. They will be led by two contingents comprising adults and elderly residents from the Bangsar zone.

"Dr Mahathir will also present prizes to the best dressed contingent, best decorated home and best commercial outlet at a dinner the same day," she told a Press conference at the home of Bukit Bandaraya Residents' Association president Tunku Zahiah Tunku Sulong.

Also present were deputy president Mumtaz Ali Karim and Bangsar Park Residents' Association president Abdul Wahab Mohamed Othman.

Shahrizat said although the event was organised by four residents' associations namely Bangsar Park, Bangsar Baru, Bukit Bandaraya and Lucky Garden, it was for all Kuala Lumpur residents.

"It is for everybody from the young to the young-at-heart to demonstrate their patriotism and participate in the last Merdeka Day celebration of this millennium.

"We hope everyone will make an effort to turn up as there are lots of prizes, including a handphone, to be given away by Telekom Malaysia Bhd," she said.

After the parade, there will be a street soccer match and other events like mountain biking, roller blading and skateboarding from 3pm to 6pm.

There will also be a patriotic quiz for children while entertainment will be provided by nasyid groups, traditional song-and-dance troupes and contemporary musicians in Jalan Telawi 2.

An exhibition on the achievements of Malaysian athletes will also be held.

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