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DR MAHATHIR LAUNCHES MOTORSPORTS WEEK

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight officially launched the national Motorsports Week at Dataran Merdeka here.

He had earlier led a motorcade of dozens of cars from KLCC to Dataran Merdeka at about 9pm.

As soon as Dr Mahathir announced the launching of the Motorsports Week, a Red Bull Sauber-Petronas F1 car with Pedro Dini at the wheel made its entrance.

Dr Mahathir then hopped onto the F1 car and was briefed on the machine by the other Sauber-Petronas driver, Jean Alesi.

In his speech at the launch, Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the Motorsports Week from Oct 2-23 was to generate interest in motorsports apart from promoting the inaugural Petronas Malaysian Grand Prix from Oct 15-17.

Events organised during this period include a go-kart championship, an international motorsports exhibition, a classic cars procession and a tattoo by the armed forces.

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