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10,000 expected for Bangsar festival

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - More than 10,000 people are expected to attend the two-day Bangsar National Day 1999 Youth Festival tomorrow and Sunday in conjunction with the 42nd Merdeka Day celebration.

Youth and Sports Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, who is the festival chairman, said today: "There are going to be attractive prizes like handphones and hampers for those who participate in the various games, courtesy of Telekom Malaysia and other sponsors," Shahrizat said.

There are 1,000 prizes to be given away. Shahrizat said the atmosphere would be carnival-like with lots of food, music, cultural troupe acts and the traditional procession.

"We have top artistes like Ning Baizura, Ziana Zain and Innuendo performing and they will be a major attraction for the youth.

"We chose Bangsar because the young at heart frequent the place and it's the ideal location to have this celebration. This is the first time we are organising something like this and I am confident the turnout will be good," Shahrizat said.

About 40 companies and organisations are expected to join the two-day celebration to be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at 8.45pm on Sunday.

Guests for the night include Sea Games gold medallists and sailor Datuk Azhar Mansor.

Shahrizat said sports enthusiasts keen on booking places for the coming Formula One event and those who want to sign up for the Asia Games 2006 Walk for the Nation, could do so at Jalan Telawi 2 tomorrow.

There will be performances on three stages during the festival.

The stages are at Jalan Telawi 4 (main performance), Jalan Telawi 1 (nasyid) and Jalan Telawi 5 (popular music and cultural troupes).

On Sunday night there will be a fireworks display to signal the end of the festival.

The event is co-organised by Bangsar's residents associations, the office of Lembah Pantai Member of Parliament, Shahrizat, the Bangsar Business Council, the Federal Territory Youth Council and The New Straits Times Press (M) Bhd.

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