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FOURTEEN PROTON CARS IN BID TO CREATE ENDURANCE RACE RECORD

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Fourteen Proton cars from the Perdana to the Satria were flagged off here today in a bid to set an endurance race record for 42 hours of non-stop driving.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Tengku Alauddin Abdul Majid flagged off the participants this morning. The event was held in conjunction with the 42nd National Day celebration tomorrow.

The event was jointly organised by the national car maker, Proton, Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board (Tourism Malaysia) and Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM).

The fourteen cars symbolised the fourteen states in Malaysia while the enduring journey would take the participants to all states in the peninsula using the highways.

During the pit stop at various points along their route, 24 participants would hand over "Jalur Gemilang" flags and "Malaysia Boleh" posters to the public.

The fleet of national cars would end their arduous journey at 12.03am sharp on Aug 31, in front of an expected 70,000 people at the National Stadium, National Sport Complex in Bukit Jalil.

They are scheduled to hand over the "Jalur Gemilang" to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who will receive the record setter.

The feat, if successful, is to be included in the Malaysian Book of Records.

The record-setting event was also carried live by RTM's Radio Four and all radio stations in the respective states.

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