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No extra tickets for local fans

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ONLY 12,000 tickets were printed for the World Cup of Golf as the Mines Resort course cannot take more than that number of spectators.

Organising committee chairman Tan Sri Aziz Ismail said in Kuala Lumpur yesterday the Mines Resort Golf Club is comfortable with that number.

"We took the factor (crowd control) into consideration before deciding to limit the number to 12,000," said Aziz.

Aziz said the tickets, especially for local fans, have been sold.

"What we have is about 3,000 tickets with some travel agents reserved for overseas fans. We have given them a two-week deadline after which, we will sell the returned tickets to the locals."

But Aziz said it is unlikely that the number will be increased although the demand for tickets increased the moment the organisers announced the participation of the world's number one golfer, American Tiger Woods.

He said due to the overwhelming demand, he expects `unscrupulous people to sell tickets at higher prices'.

"I am just guessing. You cannot stop the blackmarket."

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will declare open the World Cup on Nov 17, after the pro-am tournament.

He said everything is in place and the organisers are confident of delivering a good show for the World Cup.

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