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Sports-Racing (Proton)

RESULTS ONLY KNOWN TOMORROW DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

SEPANG, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- The Proton International 300km Merdeka Race hit a snag today when the official results were put on hold until tomorrow because of time-keeping technical problems.

The organisers also decided to release the results of the 55-lap race, involving 73 cars, tomorrow due to technical check to the finishers. Some teams reportedly have lodged a protest.

Clerk of the Course Jeffri Amin said the technical problems on time keeping had forced the organisers to withhold the results.

"There are some hiccups on the computer system. The time keeping is not working well and we have to go through it again. We would check it to ensure everything is right," he said.

On the technical check to the cars, Jeffri said this was to ensure that drivers had followed the rules and did not make any illegal modifications to the cars.

Under the rules of the championship, each car will be weighed and dyno tested after the race.

Meanwhile, Sepang International Circuit (SIC) spokesman said the time-keeping for the Proton International race would not be used for the Petronas Malaysian Grand Prix in October.

This was because Formula One Management Limited would bring in their equipment including time keeping during the race, he said.

In today's race, the provisional winners are Eric Yeo Tee Eong with co-driver Raymond Tan Hui Hong of the Hi-Rev Racing team.

Zulkiflee Hassan and co-driver Kenvin Low Chin Ooi of the Petronas Eon Racing Team came second ahead of privateer Charanjit Singh and co-driver Chua Kim Choy.

Defending champion Keifli Othman and co-driver Zureen Zulkifli however faced a setback when they retired after 17 laps race due to brake fluid problem.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad flagged-off today's race.

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