

25 AUG 1999
Merdeka-Festival
YOUTH FESTIVAL TO MARK NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- A Formula 1 car exhibition, fire works display, teh tarik contest, street sports and a stage show by popular artistes are among the programmes lined up for the public at this weekend's Youth Festival and Parade.

To be held at Bangsar here, the event is organised in conjunction with the 42nd National Day.

It will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, festival chairman Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil told reporters today.

"This is the first time we are holding such a festival to give youngsters a chance of taking part in an event that will make them aware of the significance of National Day," she said.

Shahrizat, who is the Youth and Sports Ministry parliamentary secretary and MP for Lembah Pantai (that covers Bangsar), said there would be a two-hour Merdeka parade after the opening ceremony participated by 2,200 people representing 45 contingents.

They will include the Malaysian contingent that won 57 gold medals at last week's SEA Games in Brunei.

Solo sailor Datuk Azhar Mansor would also attend the festival, said Sharizat.

Among the artistes performing at the festival are Ziana Zain, M Nasir, A to Z, Innuendo and Mas Idayu.

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