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AIDILFITRI OPEN HOUSE: PUBLIC URGED TO CAR POOL

JOHOR BAHRU, Dec 21 (Bernama) -- The police today advised members of the public going to the Aidilfitri national open house at the City Square here tomorrow to car pool to avoid traffic congestion.

Johor Baharu traffic chief DSP Abdul Halim Abdullah said the commuters can also use the free bus services provided by the state government and Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry.

The free shuttle services are available at major hotels in the city, Larkin Stadium and Johor Baharu City Council Indoor Stadium, he told Bernama here today.

Abdul Halim urged the public to give their cooperation as over 100,000 people including foreign tourists and Singaporeans were expected to attend the Aidilfitri bash, causing congestion along routes to the City Square.

"About 25,000 vehicles are expected to be on roads within the area and that is if four people share one car," he said.

He said several roads located near the City Square like Jalan Abu Bakar, Jalan Thomson, Jalan Sungai Chat and Jalan Lingkaran Dalam would be turned into one-way streets tomorrow.

The Aidilfitri national open house, the largest-ever Hari Raya function held in the country, is scheduled for 10am until 4pm tomorrow.

Among the guests are the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail, Sultan of Johor, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi.

Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and seven Cabinet ministers from the republic are expected to be present.

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