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DRIVE CAREFULLY, DR MAHATHIR ADVISES "BALIK KAMPUNG" CROWD

ALOR SETAR, Dec 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has appealed to those driving back to their hometowns for Hari Raya not to rush to avoid accidents.

"Drive slowly and carefully. We will arrive even if we drive slowly. It doesn't matter if we're an hour or two late," he said at the Sultan Abdul Halim airport here before departing for Kuala Lumpur after a one-day visit to Kedah.

He reminded all road users to be careful during festive seasons like this so that the joy of their loved ones would not turn into grief.

He was disappointed that there were still many fatal road accidents despite the continuous road safety campaigns.

Dr Mahathir described reckless drivers as selfish and irresponsible people and said that it was appropriate for the authorities to come down hard on them because they posed a danger not only to themselves but also to others.

Congestion on the roads and highways nationwide has already started as the Klang Valley folk head back to their hometowns to celebrate Aidilfitri which is expected to fall on Sunday.

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