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Malaysia send six for Australian open

A six-man team will represent Malaysia at the Australian Open Full Bore Rifle shooting championship from Monday till Oct 3 in Perth, said the Secretary of the National Rifle Association Ismail Zainuddin yesterday.

The team members are Zainal Abidin Md Isa, Zulkeflee Hamsen, Rajeli Asri, Husin Md Jais, Abdul Halim Jaafar and Hashim Mohamad.

They are among eight national shooters making preparations for the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester.

"This is the first time Malaysia is taking part in the Australian Open and will be a boon to our preparations for the Commonwealth Games," he said.

Meanwhile, Englishman David Calvert emerged overall individual champion while England won the team event at the Langkawi Full Bore Challenge 2001 which ended yesterday.

Ismail said the English team has written to congratulate and thank Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the successful hosting of the three-day event.

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