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POLICE TO STEP UP SECURITY FOR NATIONAL AIDILFITRI OPEN HOUSE

ALOR STAR, Dec 19 (Bernama) -- Police will step up security during the National Aidilfitri Open House at Taman Tasik Bandar Darulaman, Jitra this Saturday to ensure the safety of all visitors.

Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain the public should not worry as the security measures were not to obstruct the movement of visitors but to ensure the smooth flow of the event.

"The police have given their assurance that necessary security measures would be taken to avoid the occurrence of untoward incidents," he told reporters after attending an Aidilfitri banquet organised by the Islamic Welfare Body at Wisma Persekutuan here today.

Syed Razak also advised the public to come earlier to avoid traffic congestion.

Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail, Sultan Kedah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Deputy, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as well as other leaders are scheduled to attend the open house.

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is also expected to lead his cabinet ministers as well as about 10,000 Thai nationals to the event this Saturday.

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