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Fewer athletes from Negri

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NEGRI Sembilan will be sending 228 athletes and officials to next month's Malaysia Games in Sabah.

The athletes will compete in 16 of the 27 events to be contested in the Games which start on Sept 5.

The Negri Sembilan contingent will be led by Datuk Ismail Lasim.

Speaking after receiving the State flag from Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad at Wisma Negeri yesterday, Ismail said the contingent has set a target of 25 gold medals.

He said trimming the number of athletes this year was aimed at producing athletes with the potential to represent the country.

Ismail added that 100 cultural performers from Negri Sembilan will also be taking part in the Games' closing ceremony.

"Negri Sembilan will be hosting the next Malaysia Games and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to hand over the Games' flag to Mohd Isa during the closing ceremony."