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MALAYSIA BANK ON HOME-MADE PEDAL POWER IN ASIAN MEET

KANGAR, April 28 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's challenge at the Asian road race cycling championship in Bangkok next week will be spearheaded by six elite cyclists riding Proton bicycles.

Team manager Daud Ibrahim said the competition would be tough and Malaysia would be banking on the elite cyclists at the nine-day meet beginning Thursday.

Daud, who is also the national coach, said these cyclists would give competitors from more than 30 other countries a run for their money.

He told Bernama this after receiving the Malaysian flag from Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim here today.

The elite cyclists are Musairi Musa, Suhardi Hassan, Tsen Seong Hong, Nor Effandi Rosli, Amran Ahmad and Mahathir Hamad.

They left for Bangkok in four Proton Waja cars today. They were sent off by Shahidan here.

Malaysia are sending 36 cyclists to the championship, and the rest will leave Kuala Lumpur for Bangkok by train tomorrow.

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