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Sports-Kart (Rotax Max)  
75 RACERS READY FOR TOMORROW'S FLAG-OFF

LANGKAWI, Jan 25 (Bernama) -- Seventy-five kart racers from 31 countries are ready for tomorrow's flag-off in the two-day Rotax Max Grand Final at the Morac circuit here today.

However German Alexander Seitter failed to register his entry in the race when registration closed today.

Morac manager Nik Bazirah Nik Ismail said it was puzzling why Seitter failed to arrive as his countryman Retziaff Rudiger checked into his hotel yesterday.

"We are in the dark why he is not here as the flight ticket has been sent to him," she said when met at the circuit.

Nik Bazirah said tomorrow all the 75 racers would compete in a qualifying race where the top 40 finishers will have their places in the grand final.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will flag-off the event on Sunday.

Meanwhile kart racer Ferhan Fauzy expressed confidence that Malaysian competitors are capable of qualifying for the grand final.

"We will try everything we can to achieve this," he said after the free practice session at the circuit today.

Other Malaysian representatives in the race are Raja Razman Raja Idris and Kuala Lumpur-based Martin Druhan.

Mofaz Group chief operations officer Ahmad Tifli Talha said over 250 volunteers including those from various government agencies will be involved in the event.

The Rotax Max Grand final is jointly organised by Mofaz Motorsport, Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) and Langkawi Motorsport Club (LMC).

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