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ABDUL MALIK TO GET WARM WELCOME AT DATARAN LANG

LANGKAWI, May 8 (Bernama) -- Thousands of residents will gather at Dataran Lang, here on May 25 to greet swimmer Abdul Malik Mydin, who plans to set a record as the country's longest distant solo swimmer.

State Exco for Youth, Sports and Cooperative Development Datuk Mohamed Hassan Bulat said here the swimmer would begin the swim from the Kuala Perlis Jetty on May 24 and was expected to take 20 hours to complete his 48km swim.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was scheduled to flag off the swimmer at the Kuala Perlis Jetty on May 24 and was also expected to join the others in greeting Abdul Malik di Dataran Lang.

Abdul Malik, 28, from Penang, also plans to become the first Malaysian to swim across the English Channel in July involving a distance of 32.8km.

Abdul Malik is now training in Melbourne, Australia under the supervision of coach John Van Wisse.

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