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ABDUL MALIK TO GET GRAND FLAGGING OFF IN KUALA PERLIS

KANGAR, May 21 (Bernama) -- Some 15,000 people are expected to be present when Abdul Malik Mydin is flagged off on his mission to swim from Kuala Perlis to Pulau Langkawi on Saturday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will flag off the 28-year-old Penang swimmer at the LKIM jetty in Kuala Perlis at 8.45pm.

A fireworks display, a cultural show and a lucky draw with a cow as the top prize would be held to liven up the atmosphere, Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim told reporters at his office today.

The event would be shown live on TV by RTM, said Shahidan, who chairs the Kuala Perlis-Pulau Langkawi Swimming Challenge flagging off ceremony committee.

The 48km swim is part of Abdul Malik's preparation for his attempt to swim across the English Channel this August.

Shahidan also said Perlis would be organising the biggest aerobics exercise in the country involving some 10,000 people at the Kangar Municipal Council field on May 28.

Perlis Regent Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail will launch the event.

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