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NAM-Motorists

POLICE SEEK MOTORISTS AND PUBLIC CO-OPERATION FOR NAM

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 19 (Bernama) -- Police are seeking the cooperation of motorists to ensure a smooth traffic flow during the six-day Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit which begins tomorrow.

Internal Security and Public Order Director Datuk Mohd Sedek Mohd Ali hoped the good public cooperation during the two dry-runs on Feb 15 and Feb 17 would continue during the Summit.

"We urge motorists to give the same assistance to our men who will be on duty at major roads," he said.

Mohd Sedek was speaking to reporters at Bukit Aman after receiving group insurance coverage worth RM85 million from MCIS Zurich Insurance Bhd for the 8,511 police personnel involved in the NAM.

He said police would step up security at all major venues with the arrival of more delegates and heads of government starting tomorrow.

Mohd Sedek reminded about 300 Malaysian VIPs invited to the opening ceremony on Monday (Feb 24) that they should be at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) before 7.30am.

"Traffic personnel will close all major roads leading to PWTC beginning 7.30am and there are no other alternative roads for them since we have to give top priority to VVIPs from the 114-member countries who should be at the main venue by 9am," he said.

He said roads leading to Palace of Golden Horses Hotel in Sungai Besi would be closed from 6.30pm to 9pm on Monday when the delegates would attend a dinner hosted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

On the insurance coverage, Mohd Sedek said each police personnel would receive a maximum of RM10,000 if they met with a serious accident or as death benefit while on duty during NAM.

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