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RAS ADIBA BEGINS WHEELCHAIR JOURNEY TO PUTRAJAYA

JOHOR BAHRU, Aug 7 (Bernama) -- Former TV3 personality Ras Adiba Radzi today embarked on a journey, albeit on a wheelchair, which will take her over 398kms to Putrajaya.

Ras Adiba, who is paralysed from the waist down, was flagged off by State Executive Councillor Ahmad Zahri Jamil in front of the Johor Baharu spastics building here.

Speaking to reporters before the flagging-off, Ras Adiba said she expected to wheelchair her way for some five kilometres for every hour of her journey.

Ras Adiba, 33, said she would journey for about five hours, covering some 30kms a day. She would pass through Pekan Nanas in Pontian and Batu Pahat before arriving in Muar on Tuesday.

She is scheduled to reach Dataran Putrajaya on Aug 20 where Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is among those expected to welcome her at he finishing line.

Ras Adiba would be accompanied by paralympians Mohd Sani Harun and Amlia Lamshah at several stages of the route to Putrajaya.

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