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REMINDER ON ROAD CLOSURES FOR NAM

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- Police are reminding motorists here to take note of the roads which will be closed for the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit "dry runs" on Feb 15 and Feb 17, and the opening day of the meeting on Feb 24.

Federal deputy traffic chief ACP Azizan Mohd Aras said traffic police would be conducting the first dry run on Saturday, and it did not expect any major jams as many offices would be closed on that day.

This Saturday is the third Saturday of the month, a holiday for workers in the government and financial sectors.

"However, we are very concerned with our dry run on Monday, when our personnel will be completely closing several major roads leading to the city centre beginning 8.05am," Azizan told reporters today.

He said traffic police had distributed some 200,000 pamphlets on the road closures to motorists at toll plazas and other public places since last week but many were still not aware of the arrangements.

"We hope that those who are aware of the road closures will advise their friends and colleagues to use public transport, especially LRT services, or to arrive at their working places as early as 7am," he said.

Azizan said that on those three days (Feb 15, 17 and 24) roads near the Palace of Golden Horses Hotel, Jalan Sungai Besi, Jalan Istana, Jalan Mahameru and roads leading to the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), the summit venue, would be closed to all vehicles from 8am to 9.30am.

Jalan Ampang towards the city centre, Jalan Pinang, Jalan P.Ramlee, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Jalan Tun Ismail, Jalan Putra towards Jalan Raja Laut and Jalan Kuching towards PWTC will also be closed.

He said the same roads would be closed from 6pm to 8.30pm on the same dates (Feb 15, 17 and 24) to make it easier for VIPs to attend a dinner to be hosted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Palace of Golden Horses Hotel.

Azizan said several roads near Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Jalan Pinang would also be closed from 7pm to 8.30pm on Feb 23, when foreign ministers to the NAM summit attend a dinner at the hotel.

"We appeal to motorists to cooperate with traffic personnel to avoid any major traffic jam," Azizan said.

The public can obtain more information on road closures by contacting the police at 03-20729044, 03-20316223 or visiting their website at [www.rmp.gov.my](http://www.rmp.gov.my).

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