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SPORTS: MALIK EXPECTED TO CLOCK 16-18 HOURS IN K.PERLIS-LANGKAWI BID

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 (Bernama) -- Marathon swimmer Abdul Malik Mydin is expected to clock less than 20 hours when he swims from Kuala Perlis to Langkawi, a distance of some 48km, on May 24.

His Australian trainer John Van Wisse, in a statement released by the English Channel Challenge 2003 Secretariat, said the Penang-born swimmer is capable of clocking between 16 and 18 hours for his Kuala Perlis-Langkawi bid.

Wisse said his confidence was based on Abdul Malik's intensive training in Melbourne, Australia.

Abdul Malik will attempt to be the first Malaysian to swim across the English Channel in August.

The statement said Abdul Malik will begin his swim at Kuala Perlis at 9pm May 24 and he is expected to reach Dataran Lang in Langkawi afternoon the next day.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to witness Abdul Malik's May 24 attempt.

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