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TRAFFIC COP KILLED AFTER ESCORTING NAJIB TO HOTEL

LANGKAWI, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- A traffic policeman was killed in a road accident at Jalan Kuala Muda while he was returning to a hotel after escorting Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak here today.

Kpl Basri Yusof, 40, who was attached to the Kubang Pasu district police headquarters, died on the spot in the 7.10pm accident when the motorcycle he was riding on rammed into another motorcycle which made a U-turn suddenly, said Langkawi Traffic Police branch chief ASP Adzhar Othman.

He said the motorcyclist and the pillion rider of the motorcycle were also injured in the 7.10pm accident. However, they have not been identified.

Adzhar said Basri, who hails from Pulau Pangkor, was heading to Nadias Inn in Pantai Chenang where policemen on duty for the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA '03) were staying after sending Najib to the Helang Hotel.

The six-day LIMA '03 started today.

Earlier, Najib attended the opening of the maritime segment of LIMA '03 at Porto Malai by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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