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SPORTS: SIC LOOKING FOR STRATEGIES TO COUNTER POLLING DAY CLASH

KUALA LUMPUR, March 5 (Bernama) -- The Sepang International Circuit (SIC) will be looking for new strategies to counter the clash of dates for the 11th general election's polling day and the Petronas Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix on March 21.

The SIC press officer Azhar Ghazali said the strategies would be announced by chairman Datuk Mokhzani Tun Mahathir at a press conference in Sepang on Monday.

"The race will be on as scheduled at 3pm but we will be working out strategies to adjust ourselves to ensure that the 120,000 spectator target is met," he told reporters here today.

Azhar said as both events, were of national interest, there need to be a carefully devised strategy to ensure fans can fulfil their obligation to the nation as well as enjoy the race.

"F1 is also a national agenda. We must make some adjustments so that Malaysians can vote as well as watch the race too," he added.

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