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F1 race to go on as planned despite elections

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Malaysian leg of the Formula One race, scheduled for March 21, will go on as planned despite it being polling day.

Sepang International Circuit Press officer Azhar Ghazali said although crowd turnout for the race may be affected, efforts were being made to minimise complications.

"Obviously it will affect the turnout as fans would want to go back to their hometowns to vote. We are trying to make some adjustments to our strategies."

He said SIC chairman Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir and general manager Ahmad Mustafa were looking into the matter following the announcement of the polling date.

Azhar said a Press conference would be held on Monday to announce new strategies to minimise the reduction in spectators.

He said general logistics for the event would also be reviewed.

"The date for the race was decided upon a long time ago and it is a 18-leg race. If the date is changed now, it will affect all the other legs," he said.

Azhar said SIC was working with various racing bodies to ensure a smooth race.