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Sepang all set for GP weekend

THE Sepang F1 Circuit is all set for the sixth Petronas Formula One Malaysian Grand Prix this weekend.

As teams were completing the setting up of their pits yesterday, workers were busy putting the finishing touches to the race track.

Sepang International Circuit (SIC) Press officer Azhar Ghazali said more activity was expected at the circuit when Formula One Management (FOM) and International Automobile Federation (FIA) personnel begin their preparation work today.

"Since it was a clear day, teams took the opportunity to set up their pits. Our workers were also busy putting the finishing touches, like the drawing of lines on the race track and laying television and telecommunication cables," said Azhar.

Access to the pitlanes was already restricted yesterday, as security is a key issue in the world class event.

Around the track, workers were seen painting the lines marking the grid positions, while the support paddock, at Sepang's South Track, where the teams for the support races will be based, were almost fully operational.

The media centre begins operation tomorrow, while other key departments are set to run by Thursday.

SIC chairman Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir will officiate the opening of the medical unit on Thursday.