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Avoid roads leading to PWTC, motorists told

THE road closures around the city today will also be on tomorrow, the last day of the 13th Non-Aligned Movement Summit.

The road closures will be from 7.55am to 9.30am and from 6.30pm to 8.30pm to enable delegates to attend and leave the summit venue, the Putra World Trade Centre.

Delegates will also use the roads closed this evening to attend a dinner hosted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Palace of the Golden Horses.

City motorists are advised to prepare in advance for the road closures and use alternative routes to avoid traffic congestion.

Motorists who park their cars indiscriminately will have their vehicles towed away.

Meanwhile, motorists switching to public transport, especially the Putra and Star Light Rail Transit service, have been identified as the main reason for traffic leading to the NAM venue, the Putra World Trade Centre, being relatively smooth.

Kuala Lumpur traffic police chief Superintendent Ahmad Shamsuri Ahmad Mukhri said the "dry runs" leading up to the summit have instilled awareness in motorists to co-operate with police.

"We notice that many city motorists leave their vehicles at home and use the LRT or Komuter trains to get to work or if they choose to drive, leave very early in the morning," he said yesterday.

He was asked to comment on the low density of vehicles on the roads, especially leading to the Putra World Trade Centre, even when it was not closed during the senior officials' meeting.

Asked what advice he would give motorists plying the roads when the heads of state and governments meet over the next two days, he said: "Just follow the rules, use public transport and leave early for work."