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Use LRT or KTM, travellers advised

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Police have advised motorists to use the light rail transit and the KTM commuter train to avoid travelling through roads to be used by the motorcade to ferry delegates to the Non-Aligned Movement summit from Feb 20-25 here.

Taxis and buses will also not be permitted through the closed roads.

Federal traffic police deputy chief Assistant Commissioner Azizan Mohamad Aras said today that the public were advised to keep away from the affected roads which would be closed between 7.55am and 9.30am, and 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

The morning session is when delegates from the 115 countries travel from their hotels to the NAM venue, the Putra World Trade Centre, and the evening session is when they depart from the PWTC.

Additionally, the motorcade will also ferry the delegates to the official dinner at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel of the Kuala Lumpur City Centre on Feb 23 and one hosted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Palace of the Golden Horses in Sungai Besi on Feb 24.

Police today have conducted the first dry run in the morning with no hiccups.

Azizan said based on today's dry run, police believe that the traffic flow during the NAM summit will be smooth.

"We are grateful to the public for their cooperation and hope they will continue to do so during the summit," he said.

"If need be, motorists needing to use the affected roads should plan their journey so as to travel well before or after the affected hours."

He cautioned motorists not to impede the flow of the motorcade as they could be booked, or have their vehicles towed away. Police and City Hall will deploy at least 12 tow trucks for this purpose, he said.