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6,000 varsity students to hit Highways on National Day eve

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Some 6,000 motorcycles will roar on the highways as part of the National Day celebration.

The event - Konvoi Detik Kemerdekaan - is being jointly organised by Angkatan Pemuda Warisan Malaysia (Pewaris), Airzed Network, ntv7 and Sapura Group. It will start on the eve of National Day.

Pewaris president Anas Hafiz Mustaffa said the bikers comprised students from public and private higher learning institutions.

"Students from eight institutions will gather for this event.

"They are from Universiti of Malaya, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Tenaga Nasional and Multimedia University.

"The bikers will move in two convoys. The first group will start from UIAM and the second group from UM.

"The two convoys will visit five universities in the Klang Valley and their journeys will end at Uniten," Anas said.

This year, Uniten will host the closing ceremony.

Among the VIPs expected to be present is Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein.

Anas said the bikers were also attempting to break the records set by two similar gatherings and noted in the Malaysia Book Of Records.

Airzed Network executive chairman Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said the event would develop a greater sense of patriotism among youth.

"They (the youth) are future leaders, with minds full of creative ideas. I hope that during the National Day convoys they will learn to appreciate the sacrifices made by past leaders," said Mukhriz, who is also Pewaris adviser.