

Jalur Gemilang convoy

KUALA LUMPUR: Round the nation in 12 days - this is what a convoy of more than 500 superbikers and four-wheel drive vehicle owners plan to do in the sixth Jalur Gemilang Independence Adventure 2006.

With a mission of carrying the Jalur Gemilang, the convoy will start its journey in Taman Shah Bandar in Kuala Terengganu on Aug 18 after the handing over of the flag by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

They will then travel across the peninsula, before finishing in Kuantan on Aug 26.

The convoy will later start its journey in Sabah and Sarawak from Kudat on Aug 27 and arrive in Kuching on Aug 30, where they will join the National Day parade at Padang Merdeka there on Aug 31.

Superbikers Association of Malaysia (SAM) president Datuk Abd Rauf Yusoh said the convoy in the peninsula would comprise 365 people on 149 high-powered motorcycles, 49 4WD vehicles and 40 traffic police motorcycles.

"In Sabah and Sarawak, the convoy will comprise 235 people on 49 superbikes, 15 traffic police motorcycles and others," he said yesterday.

Abd Rauf added that they would be making 19 stops throughout their journey, where they would be welcomed by mentris besar, chief ministers and state information committees.

There will also be mini concerts at the stops.

Deputy Information Minister Datuk Ahmad Zahid Mamidi said at the launch of the event yesterday that it was aimed at firing up patriotism in Malaysians and to encourage them to fly the Jalur Gemilang.

Ahmad Zahid will be heading the convoy. Rock singer Ramli Sarip, who is the convoy's ambassador, will also be with them throughout their journey. The event is organised by the Information Ministry and SAM.



MERDEKA EVENT: Ahmad Zahid and Ramli (centre) leading the convoy after the launch of the sixth Jalur Gemilang Independence Adventure 2006 at Menara Kuala Lumpur yesterday. — *Bernamapic*