



Slow traffic at the Kuala Terengganu toll plaza on the East Coast Expressway 2 yesterday. NSTP PIC BY GHAZALI KORI

AIDILFITRI RETURN

PM: BE CAREFUL ON THE ROADS

Amid concerning rise in accidents, Anwar prays for everyone's safety

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has urged those heading back to their hometowns during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri holidays to exercise caution on the roads.

He said there was a concerning rise in road accidents.

"As Aidilfitri approaches and people return to their hometowns, we urge everyone to be extra vigilant on the road as the number of accidents has significantly increased.

"This is a reminder to all. We want to celebrate Aidilfitri to

strengthen familial bonds, but an accident will bring hardship to families and relatives. We pray for everyone's safety."

He said this after performing Friday prayers at Masjid Jamek Raja Tun Uda in Section 16 here.

On Thursday, the Malaysian Highway Authority said it anticipated a surge in traffic to up to 2.77 million vehicles a day on major expressways during Aidilfitri.

It said some 2.1 million vehicles would use PLUS expressways, 216,000 would use the Kuala

Lumpur-Karak Expressway, 176,000 would use the West Coast Expressway, 156,000 would use the East Coast Expressway 1 (LPT1) and 70,000 would use the LPT2 during the peak Aidilfitri festive period.

It said traffic leaving the capital towards the eastern, northern and southern regions would see a surge due to the additional school holidays from April 2-4.

Return traffic to the capital is also anticipated to peak from April 5-6.