

**Heavy Vehicles Prohibited From Expressways During Aidilfitri Period**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- Heavy vehicles are prohibited from using expressways in the country on Aug 27 and 28 as well as Sept 3 and 4 in view of the Aidilfitri festive period.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Kong Cho Ha said the prohibition had to be enforced to facilitate other road users travelling to their destinations before and after the festival, which is expected to fall on Aug 30 and 31.

"The decision to disallow heavy vehicles on the expressways was agreed upon by the Cabinet to slash the rate of fatal accidents during the festive season," he told reporters after launching the 13th Yamaha 'Balik Kampung' road-safety campaign here Thursday.

Kong said the prohibition would not cover vehicles transporting medical supplies, perishable goods and gas.

Detailed information on the period of travel for heavy vehicles would be disclosed soon, he added.

Kong also advised highway users to observe the travel schedule issued by PLUS Expressways Berhad (PLUS) to avert traffic congestion.

An estimated 1.4 million vehicles were expected to use the highways during the Aidilfitri festival this year, he said.

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