

Agong To Be At River Sports Carnival In Alor Star On Saturday
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ALOR SETAR, March 25 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah will witness the finale of the River Sports Carnival in Tanjung Chali, here, this Saturday in conjunction with his 84th birthday celebrations.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is expected to accompany the Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah to the event, the 81st. The first was held in 1931.

Kedah Youth and Sports Committee chairman, Datuk Dr Hamdan Mohamed Khalib who is the carnival organising committee chairman, said Tuanku Abdul Halim would also present prizes to the winners of the competitions held.

Participation is divided into 19 categories including government departments/statutory bodies, uniformed bodies, corporate sector, schools and associations.

Hamdan said 52 teams had confirmed participation in the long boat, dragon boat and canoe races, with the international dragon boat race attracting participation from Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Cambodia and Brunei, besides Malaysia.

He said the heats for the various competitions would be held from tomorrow until Friday at Sungai Kedah starting from Tanjung Chali to the Muda Agriculture Development Authority (Mada) headquarters in Ampang Jajar.

The Malaysian Armed Forces will also put up a special performance in Tanjung Chali on Friday in conjunction with the carnival.

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