

Call to organise regular street soccer contests

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STREET soccer championships should be made a regular affair to provide recreation for the restless young in the city, Lembah Pantai Member of Parliament Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said.

Launching the Bandaraya Street Soccer Championship last Saturday, Shahrizat said it was obvious that the championship attracted a large crowd of young people and this should be taken as a cue to make the event an annual affair.

"From the number of youngsters present today, I realise that young people these days are always on the look-out for some kind of avenue for recreation and as this new sport has been well received, street soccer championships should be held more regularly," she said when launching the championship at SMK Bukit Bandaraya, Kuala Lumpur.

Shahrizat is also Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

Also present at the opening were SMK Bukit Bandaraya principal Datin Suwarni Hassan, Parent-Teacher Association chairman Abu Hanipah Pandak Yahaya and event co-ordinator Rusli Baba.

The championship was divided into three categories - Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17 - which meant that even primary schoolchildren were allowed to participate. Three hundred teams registered for the day-long affair.

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