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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 24 (BERNAMA) -- AN AIR FERRY SERVICE MAY BE INTRODUCED BETWEEN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA AND SABAH AND SARAWAK, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING SUCH A SERVICE AFTER STUDIES HAD BEEN CARRIED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS WOULD BE CHEAPER OR EASIER TO IMPLEMENT THAN A SEA FERRY SERVICE.

THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO CARRY OUT THE STUDIES WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN A MONTH, HE SAID AFTER CHAIRING THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING AT HIS OFFICE HERE.

YESTERDAY, MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR. JAMES ONGKILI SAID HE WOULD SUBMIT A REPORT ON A FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN THE PENINSULA AND SABAH AND SARAWAK TO THE CABINET.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE CABINET DEFERRED A DECISION ON THE QUESTION OF A SEA FERRY SERVICE AS PROPOSED IN THE REPORT.

+WE HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO IMPLEMENT OR SCRAP THE SEA FERRY SERVICE AS WE ARE JUST ABOUT TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AN AIR FERRY SERVICE. WE WILL COME TO A DECISION IN A MONTH'S TIME, +HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA.

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