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MELAKA, SEPT 3, (BERNAMA) -- THE TOLL RATES IN CHERAS, KUALA LUMPUR, WILL NOT BE REDUCED AND THE DECISION IS FINAL, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERIDR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TODAY.

THE \$1 TOLL FOR LIGHT VEHICLES AND \$2 FOR HEAVY VEHICLES WERE LOW WHEN COMPARED TO THE \$1 PER KM CHARGED IN OTHER COUNTRIES, HE SAID.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A MEET-THE-PEOPLE SESSION AT THE AIR KEROH EXPO CENTRE HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ROAD USERS WHO HAD MADE THE CORRECT CALCULATIONS WOULD CONCLUDE THAT THEY WERE SPENDING LESS NOW THAN BEFORE THE FLYOVERS WERE COMPLETED.

+THE OLD ROAD WITH ITS CONGESTION COULD HAVE CAUSED THEM GREATER EXPENDITURE, WITHOUT THEY BEING AWARE, SUCH AS IN TERMS OF MORE PETROL AND TIMEWASTAGE,+ HE SAID.

THE PRESENT TOLL RATES WERE NOT A BURDEN AS ROAD USERS COULD REACH THEIR DESTINATIONS FASTER WITH LITTLE USE OF PETROL? HE SAID.

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