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MELAKA, May 31 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the federal government has not determined the form of cooperation or its role relating to the proposal for the federal takeover of the management of water supply in the country.

However, the federal government felt that it should play a bigger role in the matter, he told reporters after launching the National Youth Master Plan at the National Youth Day gathering at Kubu Stadium here.

Asked whether the state governments would be allowed to continue collecting revenue if the federal government takes over the management of water supply, he said: +We will discuss the matter.+

Director-General of the Public Works Department Datuk Wan Abdul Rahman Yaakob recently said that his department had prepared a paper proposing the matter, to be submitted to the Cabinet.

Some state governments do not fully agree with the federal government's proposal because the revenue they derive from the supply of water was substantial. -- more

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On the project to channel water from Sungai Muar to Melaka, the Prime Minister said that the project had been approved by the federal government and was being implemented.

He said that the federal government had agreed that the project be implemented through negotiation tender.

The project, estimated at \$250 million and involving the laying of pipes stretching 60km, will be implemented under supervision of the Works Ministry. -- Bernama

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