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DON' T IMPOSE TAX FOR ERECTING TELEPHONE AND ELECTRICITY POSTS , MAHATHIR

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MELAKA, June 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has directed Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers not to impose tax for the erection of telephone and electricity posts and pillar boxes in their local authority areas, according to a Federal Minister.

Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister Datuk Seri S Samy Vellu said today the Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers who met in Kuala Lumpur yesterday had agreed to abide by the Prime Minister's directive.

Samy Vellu was commenting on reports that certain local authorities wanted to impose such tax from July 1.

Speaking to reporters after opening a youth convention here, he said the Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers were expected to issue directives to this effect to their local authorities.

If such tax were to be imposed, it would be uneconomical for many Malaysians to enjoy telephone services and they would also find it hard to pay for electricity charges, he said, -- Bernama
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