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Ghafar-Mahathir 3 (last) Taiping (re-opens item)

Ghafar also said that Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd (KTM) was reviewing an earlier proposal to build railway tracks from Kuantan to Port Klang.

The review was necessary as the government proposed to build coastal highways along the west and east coasts of peninsular Malaysia to develop the rural areas.

The government announced the proposal to build the railway tracks five years ago and a report on it had been completed but the project was postponed because of financial problems, he added.

Ghafar said the proposed west coast highway would link Port Klang-Lumut to Pulau Pinang while the east coast highway would link Kuala Terengganu, Kuantan, Mersing and Johor Baharu.

The construction of the highways was expected to lead to development of new growth areas and industries along the coasts of the peninsula and create a need for railway tracks to transport manufactured goods to Port Klang, he said. -- Bernama

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