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KL LINEAR CITY PROJECT DID NOT BREACH ANY LAW, DEWAN RAKYAT TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 26 (Bernama) -- The RM5 billion Kuala Lumpur Linear City (KLLC) project has not breached any laws or regulations enforced in the country, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told the Dewan Rakyat today.

The Prime Minister said the project approved by the Cabinet did not contravene Section 62 of the River Reserve Regulations, Drainage and Irrigation Department guidelines as well as the National Land Code.

KLLC was not included in the 1984 Kuala Lumpur Perspective Plan and hence, it did not mean that the project deviated from the plan, he said.

The Perspective Plan was only a development proposal which could be adjusted to suit present requirements, he said in his written reply to Lim Guan Eng (DAP-Kota Melaka).

He said river reserves involved in the project were owned by the government which had the powers to permit any party which it deems fit to utilise the land.

Dr Mahathir said the government's and people's interests were adequately protected in the privatisation agreement of the KLLC project.

Under the agreement, the public could still enjoy the natural environment around the rivers after they had been developed, he said.

"In other words, the developer of KLLC is only allowed to build the buildings and the structures as approved by the government," he said.

The government, he said, would continue to retain the absolute powers to control and determine river-related problems like river pollution, widening, deepening, diverting and changing the course of river water.

KLLC developer KL LinearCity Sdn Bhd would build and maintain seven sedimentation ponds in the river upstream for 99 years to fulfil its social responsibilities to the people, he added. -- BERNAMA

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