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Airport

PERLIS TO HAVE AIRPORT

KANGAR, Feb 24 (Bernama) -- Perlis will have its own airprot with the federal government providing an allocation of RM70 million for the purpose, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said today.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had agreed to the proposal of the state government.

"Work on the project will begin as soon as the federal government approves the allocation," he told reporters here.

The airport would be on reclaimed land at Sungai Berembang in Kuala Perlis, 10km from here.

The airport was expected to meet the state's needs for air transport besides being a training centre for light aircrafts.

Perlis now has an airstrip at Sungai Batu Pahat here used for training of microlight and the annual air show.

A British firm, Southern Gas Turbines Ltd, had expressed interest to set up a factory to manufacture components for light aircrafts in the state, he said.

He said the company was expected to submit more details on the project to the state government soon.

Shahidan said the state government might participate in the project by having a 10 percent equity in the company either through the Perlis Islamic Foundation or the Menteri Besar Incorporated. -- BERNAMA

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