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SAHABAT ALAM EXPRESSES FULL SUPPORT FOR PM'S CALL

PULAU PINANG, Feb 7 (Bernama) -- Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM) today expressed full support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to road builders to construct tunnels and viaducts as far as possible instead of cutting hills and felling trees.

SAM president Haji S.M.Idris said today the Prime Minister's call reflected the Federal Government's determination to preserve the environment.

"The highland ecosystem is fragile and projects such as roads if not well planned can cause permanent and irreversible damage to the ecosystem" he said.

Dr Mahathir had said yesterday that the government wanted tunnels and viaducts to be used in road building so that hilly areas could be preserved.-- BERNAMA