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Bridge

BRIDGE LINK TO INDONESIA, MELAKA TO PROPOSE TWO SITES

ALOR GAJAH, June 29 (Bernama) -- The Melaka government will propose two sites believed to be ideal for the proposed bridge project to link the peninsula with Sumatra.

Chief Minister Datuk Abu Zahar Isnin said the two locations are Kuala Sungai Linggi near here and Sungai Rambai in Merlimau.

He said the State Economic Planning Unit had conducted a study on the two sites and a report would be submitted to the federal government soon.

Speaking to reporters after opening the Alor Gajah Umno division delegates meeting here, Abu Zahar, who is Melaka Umno liaison chairman, said the Kuala Sungai Linggi site is about 30km from Sumatra while Sungai Rambai is about 48km away.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has agreed with the Indonesian government on the proposed bridge project which among others, will include a rail road, gas pipelines and electric cables connections.

Abu Zahar said Melaka would cooperate fully with the federal government to ensure the bridge project become a reality.

On overseas trips organised by State Umno divisions and branches, Abu Zahar said the Umno liaison body had been instructed to monitor and ensure such visits abroad would benefit the party or state.

There must not be other motives for organising overseas trips with the purpose of fishing votes to win party posts, he said. -- BERNAMA

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