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UMNO: POSTPONED AIRPORT PROJECT NO SURPRISE, SAYS SANUSI

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- Kedah is not surprised with the federal government's decision to postpone the Northern Region International Airport project on reclaimed land in Kuala Muda.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said the announcement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad of the postponement would not affect Kedah in any way.

"We were not surprised (with the postponement) because the project is not for the immediate future. The good thing about the announcement is that the project has been put in its true perspective," he told reporters after the Umno general assembly which ended here, today.

Sanusi said it would take quite some time for the airport to be built because the land reclamation work would take three to five years to complete.

Last Thursday, Dr Mahathir announced that the airport and the RM13.6-billion Bakun Hydro-electric project would have to be postponed following depreciation of the ringgit.

Dr Mahathir, who made the announcement after chairing an Umno Supreme Council meeting, said other projects to be deferred included the Linear City project here and the highway linking the Main Range hill resorts. --
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