

# Singapore must respect our decision, says Ghani

JOHOR BARU: Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman has called on Singapore to respect Malaysia's decision not to shift its Customs, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) checkpoint from the Tanjung Pagar railway station to Woodlands.

He said Johor supported the stand made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Moha-

mad who has said that Malaysia would not budge from its decision not to move.

"The state government supports the Federal Government's stand on this issue and we hope the Singapore Government will respect our decision," he told reporters after receiving RM86,138.48 as tithe on behalf of the state government from Bank Rakyat yesterday.

In another development, Ghani said the state government would stick to its decision that lorries transporting construction and building materials to Singapore will have to use the Second Link, effective Sept 1.

He said the duty clearance section at the Causeway would be closed and lorry drivers will have no choice but to use the Second Link.