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PM: Malaysia to keep Tanjung Pagar CIQ

SWAKOPMUND (Namibia), Mon. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia has no plans to move its Customs, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) checkpoint and Railway station from Tanjung Pagar to Woodlands in Singapore.

The Prime Minister said this when asked to comment on reports that the Singapore Government plans to move its CIQ to Woodlands soon.

Dr Mahathir said he believed the move by Singapore was based on its perception following interim agreement on the matter.

He said that any such agreement must first of all be agreed by Cabinet and endorsed by Parliament.

Singapore had fixed Aug 1 as the date its CIQ stations will operate from Woodlands.

However, the Malaysian side was not happy with the arrangements made for its CIQ stations at Woodlands.

It was reported on Saturday that Malaysia would maintain its Customs clearance operations at the Tanjung Pagar Railway station after Aug 1 when Singapore moves its CIQ operations to Woodlands.

Malaysia-bound passengers from Singapore will be subject to immigration formalities at the Woodlands train checkpoint.

This was agreed to by both parties to ensure that there would be no disruption in train services after Aug 1.

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