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KL-SINGAPORE TIES NOT AFFECTED, SAYS MINISTER

KUALA LUMPUR, July 29 (Bernama) -- Ties between the people of Malaysia and Singapore are not affected despite the CIQ checkpoint issue, said Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik.

He said today he saw no reason why Malaysians should quarrel with Singaporeans.

"There isn't any reason why we would want to disrupt ties," he told reporters after launching an album by singer Noraniza Idris titled "Masyhur".

On Monday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia would not shift its Customs, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) checkpoint from the KTM station in Tanjong Pagar in the republic.

Singapore would be shifting its checkpoint from Tanjong Pagar to Woodlands next month.

In JOHOR BAHRU, Johor Umno Youth said it would form a special committee to identify the causes of issues involving Singapore including those concerning the economy and Malaysian workers in the republic.

Its chief Hasni Mohamed proposed that a similar committee be set up by Umno Youth at the national level to find ways to overcome such issues and safeguard bilateral ties.

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