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Detailed study of KL-Karak new toll rates

SEREMBAN, Wed. - The Cabinet today instructed the Works Ministry to conduct a detailed study on the new toll rates for the upgraded Kuala Lumpur-Karak highway following complaints from motorists.

Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said he had been directed to discuss the new rates with the highway concessionaires, MTD Prime Sdn Bhd.

The new rates are RM4.20 at the Gombak toll plaza up from RM1.90 and RM2.40 at the Bentong toll plaza, previously 50 sen.

Speaking to reporters after launching the Koperasi Didik Fund at Tafe College, he said, there had been numerous complaints following the implementation of the new toll rates approved by Cabinet recently.

"Due to these complaints and various appeals that the rates be lowered, the Cabinet has decided that a study be conducted and these rates be reconsidered," he said.

Samy Vellu also said the Cabinet had asked him to conduct an investigation into allegations from certain quarters that they had lost their land as a result of the Sprint Expressway.

He said that his ministry would conduct an investigation into the allegations and take necessary measures to rectify all grievances.

Meanwhile, on the National Water Council, he said the Ministry had yet to set a date for the inaugural meeting to be chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We are still waiting for a suitable date from the Prime Minister's Department," he added.

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