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`Toll rates for Second Link won't burden motorists'

IPOH, Sun. - The toll for the Second Link between Malaysia and Singapore which will be implemented from Tuesday should not burden motorists as they have been reduced by 50 per cent.

Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said the Government had taken into consideration the complaints from all quarters before deciding on the new rates.

"However, heavy vehicles can still use the Causeway," he said after attending a fund-raising dinner for the Jelapang Methodist Church last night.

The Cabinet had decided on the date of implementation earlier but it was not announced as there were some "loose ends to be tied up."

"I will launch the new rates on Tuesday."

He was commenting on a call to the Government by businessmen from 18 Chinese guilds, clans and associations in Johor to abolish or further reduce the rates.

They also sent a memorandum to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The group asked the Government to delay imposing toll due to the current economic problems.

The rates are between RM4.40 and RM129.60 for a return trip, depending on the type of vehicle.

For big lorries and trailers, the rate works out to RM129.60 for a return trip.

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