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BE RATIONAL ABOUT TOLL RATES HIKE, PEOPLE TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 30 (Bernama) -- The people must be rational about toll rates and should not take part in rallies planned tomorrow to protest the recent increase, said Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali said today.

He said even though they were affected by the toll rates increase, they should not allow themselves to be used by political parties like PAS and DAP.

"I urge the people not to let themselves be used as tools by the opposition parties which have no more issues to gain political mileage," he told Bernama.

He was commenting on a report in PAS newspaper, Harakah, calling on the public to assemble at toll plazas nationwide to protest the recent move by the government to increase toll rates.

The rallies are said to be jointly organised by PAS, DAP, Muslim Youths Association of Malaysia (ABIM) and several non governmental organisations (NGOs).

Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM), in a statement today, urged the media to give coverage to the rally at the Sungai Pencala Toll Plaze of the Puchong-Damansara Highway (LDP) at 10am tomorrow.

Last Wednesday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced that the government had agreed to reduce the toll for motorists using the the LDP from RM1.50 to RM1 as well as an increase of 0.75 sen per kilometre for the North-South Highway.

The new toll rates will be implemented after the Chinese New Year celebrations on Feb 16 and 17.

Ibrahim, who is MP or Pasir Mas, said he was amazed to know that PAS was willing to work with the DAP on many issues.

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