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GOVT URGED TO RECONSIDER DEFERMENT OF NEW HIGHWAY PROJECTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 28 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Youth Council (MYC) today urged the government to review its decision to defer all new highway projects to be built through privatisation.

Its Urban Development Committee head Norizan Sharif said the deferment of highway projects would affect the country's economic activities and development as a whole.

"The question of paying toll does not arise because the people are willing to pay, and the only problem here is that the toll rate imposed is too high," he told Bernama here.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the government would stop building new highways until the people were willing to pay toll for using quality highways.

Mahathir said the government had to do this because it could not afford to build quality highways and had to privatise such projects which would lead to the imposition of toll.

Norizan hoped that the government would not neglect the maintenance of trunk roads for use as alternatives to toll roads.

"From what we see, the maintenance of alternative roads is very disappointing," Norizan said.

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