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Causeway

LAND IN TAJUNG PUTERI TO BE RECLAIMED FOR NEW JOHOR BRIDGE

JOHOR BAHRU, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- The Johor government has identified between 280 and 320 hectares of land at Tanjung Puteri here to be reclaimed for the construction of a bridge to replace the causeway linking Malaysia to Singapore.

"We hope the construction of the bridge could begin this year," Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman told reporters here today.

He said a consortium selected by the federal government to undertake the project would submit the design and other details at a special briefing on Jan 14.

Abdul Ghani said the 1.5km long bridge, located near the Customs Complex, would enable boats and ships to move freely as the waterway would not be blocked unlike now.

A news report last month said the federal government had in principle agreed to award the project to Gerbang Perdana Sdn Bhd.

The consortium is owned 20 per cent by Detik Nagasari Sdn Bhd, a unit of Transwater Corp Bhd, and another 20 per cent by Diversified Resources Bhd.

The remaining 60 per cent stake is held by Merong Mahawangsa Sdn Bhd, which is owned by IBEX Corp Amalgamated Sdn Bhd.

The proposal to replace the 1.2km long causeway, built in 1923, with a bridge was made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed during a visit to the state in July 1996.

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