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LONGEST RIVER-BRIDGE READY IN AUGUST 2000

LUMUT, May 31 (Bernama) -- The 1.2km bridge over the Sungai Dindings, the longest bridge spanning a river in Malaysia, will be opened to traffic in August next year together with the RM195 million Lumut-Damar Laut four-lane highway.

Works Minister Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said today the RM87 million bridge would be completed in February but would only be opened to traffic in August.

The bridge would have 13 unique arches, approved by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamd, and designed by a United Kingdom firm, he said.

Speaking to reporters after inspecting the bridge project, he said the contractor Panzana Lankhorst Sdn Bhd would work 24 hours to complete the project on schedule.

He said the 13KM Lumut-Damar Laut Highway which would involve the construction of bridges over Sungai Sitiawan and Sungai Semalon would cut the journey from here to Damar Laut by 36KM.

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