

Govt spent RM2m to repair border fences

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THE Government spent about RM2 million to repair border fences between Kedah/Perlis and Thailand in the last three years the Dewan Rakyat was told yesterday

Deputy Home Minister Datuk Chor Chee Heung said the Government spent RM1.8 million to repair the fences in Kedah and RM550,000 in Perlis during the period

Replying to a question by Dr Abu Bakar Othman (Pas Jerlun) he said the amount spent had been increasing since 1998

For instance he said the Government spent RM100,000 in 1998 to repair the fences in Perlis and this increased to RM130,000 in 1999 and RM320,000 last year

In Kedah the Government spent RM210,000 in 1998 and this increased to RM604,000 and RM956,000 in 1999 and 2000 respectively

□ TABUNG Haji has never negotiated offered nor even proposed to buy shares in Malaysian Airline System Bhd (MAS) Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk Abdul Hamid Zamil Abidin said

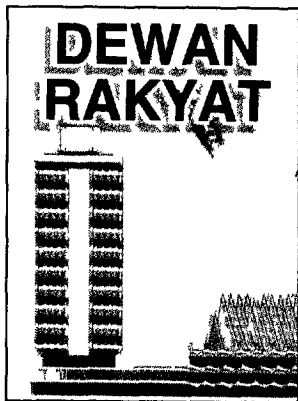
In his written reply to a question by Mohd Yusoff Mohd Nor (Pas Macang) he said it was not true that Tabung Haji had bought shares in the national air carrier

Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) had also made a press statement that Tabung Haji had not bought nor planned to buy MAS shares he said

Tabung Haji had previously acquired MAS shares but these were all sold in 1989

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□ MORE tourists from Singapore and other countries



are visiting Malaysia during the Mega Sales Carnival

An increasing number of visitors from Thailand Indonesia China India as well as Japan came to Malaysia during the carnival Deputy Culture Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen said

Replying to Chang See Ten (BN Gelang Patah) she said 1.04 million tourists visited Malaysia during the last carnival from December 2 to January 2 compared with 796,899 previously

ASEAN countries should speak with one voice at the international level and avoid taking action that can undermine any member country a government backbencher said

Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (BN Bagan Datok) said unity and cooperation among Asean members are vital when tackling global issues

If an Asean country like Malaysia wants to sit on any international body there should not be any attempt by other Asean members to sabotage such efforts he said when debating the motion of thanks for the royal address