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MB: Waive toll for a day as reward

ALOR STAR, Mon. - A day of toll-free driving on the North-South Expressway is the ultimate dream of all motorists in the country.

And this dream now has the support of the Kedah Government.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain today said tolled-highway operators should seriously consider waiving toll for one day during the current festive season.

He said this should be done as a Hari Raya gift to motorists from the corporate sector.

"They (highway operators) have been collecting payment from motorists all year long for a long time.

"I feel it is only proper for them to consider waiving toll for one day... maybe during Hari Raya as a gift to all motorists," he said, adding the corporate sector should emulate the Government in rewarding the people who had supported them all this while.

He said this when asked to comment on suggestions from motorists that tolled-highway operators should consider waiving toll on certain occasions.

Asked if the State Government would make a formal request to the operators, Syed Razak said the matter would be discussed during the State Executive Council meeting next week.

The Menteri Besar was speaking to reporters after meeting sponsors of the IMT-GT (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand Growth Triangle) Agriculture and Fisheries Expo 2001 which would be held at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre in Langkawi from Dec 27-30.

The event, scheduled to be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is designed to promote trade and investments between IMT-GT member countries.

Some 200 participants, including Government agencies and the corporate sector, are expected to take part in the exhibition.

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