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SAMY VELLU TO MAKE FOLLOW-UP VISIT TO ALGERIA

IPOH, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu is scheduled to visit Algeria in two months to study further Malaysia's participation in the proposed road construction project linking the eastern and western part of the northern African country.

He said that a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed with the Algerian government during Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's three-day visit to the country from last Sunday.

Samy Vellu was part of the 127-member delegation which included about 50 Malaysian businessmen.

"I'm going there to see how Malaysian contractors can participate in the project," he told reporters after opening the charity food and fun fair of Sekolah Semangat Maju at Kampung Tawas here today.

Samy Vellu said that the cost of the proposed 2,080-km road project was about US\$8 billion.

Trade between the two countries currently stood at RM95.3 million with Malaysia's exports amounting to RM91.3 million.

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