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No plans to turn Langkawi into capital

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THE State Government said it had no plans to relocate the administrative capital from Alor Star to Langkawi.

Transportation, Public Works and Consumer Affairs Committee chairman Datuk Fong Chok Gin gave a firm "no" to a question from Abdul Ghani Ahmad (Pas-Air Hitam) on the subject.

He said there was no reason for the State Government to contemplate the idea despite the duty-free island enjoying a rapid pace of development compared with Alor Star.

He said the proposal by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his visit to the island early March had been misinterpreted. He said Dr Mahathir had wanted to illustrate that the development on the island was a result of excellent management by the State Government.

"Langkawi may have all the important factors to become an administrative capital but that does not mean that it will be one. Alor Star will remain the administrative capital. We also have no plans to build a bridge from Kuala Kedah to Langkawi."