

BN MP: Don't turn 'feel good' to 'feel bad'
Malaysiakini.com
April 3, 2007
Yoges Palaniappan

A Barisan Nasional (BN) parliamentarian today urged the government not to turn the 'feel good' factor into a 'feel bad' factor.

Md Alwi Che Ahmad (BN-Ketereh) said every time there is a rumour about something in the government, the rumour will eventually be the truth despite the government denying it.

"We have seen this many times before, the government denied rumours that the EPF (Employees Provident Fund) is buying over RHB (bank), but it happened and the same happened with the sports complex in UK," he told the Dewan Rakyat.

The MP vented his frustration following Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Abdul Rahman Sulaiman's response to queries on the Kuala Lumpur-Johor Bahru rapid train project.

Earlier, the deputy minister said the government was looking through the reports of Khazanah Holdings on its study concerning the implementation of the project.

"The report will be compared to the reports from YTL Group and the project will commence only after the government evaluates the success possibility of the project," he said.

Desirability study

He was responding to a question from Hew See Tong (BN-Kampar) who asked the prime minister to state the progress on the project.

To a supplementary question from Mohamad Aziz (BN-Sri Gading) who asked if the government had considered the effects of the project on bus and taxi operators, Abdul Rahman said the government will conduct a desirability study.

"The desirability study will look into factors like economics and competition," he explained.

He said the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) and Finance Ministry are giving adequate attention to this matter and the government knows that a wrong decision will have many implications.

However, he did not comment on the points raised by Md Alwi. He merely stated that he will raise the matter with the relevant parties.

Copyright © 1999-2007 Mkini Dotcom Sdn. Bhd.
Source : <http://www.malaysiakini.com/news/65424>