

Tok Pa: No decision on KL-S'pore rail project yet

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Putrajaya said it has yet to finalise plans for the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High Speed Rail project amidst reports that the line will end in Johor Bahru.

In a statement today, Economic Affairs Minister Mustapa Mohamed (above) said Malaysia brought new suggestions to the negotiating table to "improve" the project.

"Both countries have until Dec 31 to complete discussions. The government will make an announcement once a decision is made and negotiations are completed," he added.

Recently, news portal Free Malaysia Today, citing sources, reported that Malaysia was considering ending the RM110 billion rail project in Johor Bahru, thereby eliminating Singapore's participation in the project.

This project was initiated during former prime minister Najib Abdul Razak's

administration, which intended to provide a 90-minute train ride from 1MDB's Bandar Malaysia property to Singapore.

According to Singapore's Straits Times, the island state's Transport Ministry had acknowledged that Malaysia had proposed "some changes", but did not provide details.

A Singapore Transport Ministry spokesperson had said it was "fully committed" to fulfilling the project, which the republic believes would benefit both countries.

The project was stalled after the Pakatan Harapan government was installed in 2018. This administration at the time wanted to delay the project due to costs.

The then Harapan government was not willing to cancel the project outright because of the compensation costs involved.

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