

PAN BORNEO HIGHWAY

PM: HASTEN SABAH STRETCH OF HIGHWAY

Unlike Sabah, Sarawak portion of 2,000km expressway is almost complete, says Anwar

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim wants the Sabah's portion of the Pan Borneo Highway to be swiftly completed.

In a speech at PKR's Himpunan Perdana Rakyat here yesterday,

Anwar said he did not want the project to be delayed.

"I would like to thank the Sabah government for making way (for the Pan Borneo Highway)... the Sarawak (portion of the Pan Borneo) is almost complete, but Sabah is otherwise.

"I will let the Sabah government resolve the matter, I do not want to interfere.

"(I am) not getting contracts for my children.

"What I want is the project to be implemented swiftly.

"I want the people of Sabah to see the Pan Borneo Highway, which is the longest in Malaysia. Some say there are more highways in Peninsular Malaysia, but the users pay tolls.

"This is unlike in Sabah (and

Sarawak), where the Pan Borneo Highway is toll-free and borne by the federal government."

This year, the federal government had allocated RM9 billion for Phase 1B of the Pan Borneo Highway in Sabah.

It was reported that coordination issues between contractors and government agencies were behind the delays in the highway's completion.

Former works minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi said four packages of the highway's construction had been completed and another 11 were under construction.

The 2,000km-long highway stretches from Telok Melano in southwestern Sarawak to Serudong in Sabah.