

Guan Eng flays MOT over 'shameful' Penang airport
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 12 — Penang blamed the federal government today for the “state of severe distress” at the Bayan Lepas airport which has been flooded by up to an inch of water for the past few weeks.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng wrote to Datuk Seri Kong Cho Ha today over defective work for the RM250 million airport expansion project, which he said is already behind schedule.

“The works being carried out are defective, resulting in not only leakages but also flooding. I am sure YB Minister will agree that it is an extreme embarrassment to the country to have one inch of water floating inside the terminal of an international airport,” he wrote.

The DAP secretary general called on the transport minister to rectify the situation which “is extremely serious and reveals a systemic failure in the whole project.

“It is therefore imperative that YB Minister take immediate action on this matter, and if possible to visit and see for yourself the sad and shameful state of affairs at the Penang International Airport,” Lim said.

The state government had also proposed on Friday a joint task force with the Penang Freight Forwarders Association (PFFA) to help resolve problems faced by cargo handlers at the seaport and the airport in the state.

Lim had said the task force could convey relevant problems and issues to the transport ministry since both ports fall under the purview of the federal authorities.

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