

Malaysia-Indonesia Link Road At Biawak Not A Sick Project Anymore
Bernama
March 14, 2013

LUNDU, March 14 (Bernama) -- An 18-kilometre road linking Malaysia's border settlement of Biawak, near here and Indonesia's West Kalimantan will be completed by May this year, Sarawak Infrastructure Development Minister, Datuk Seri Michael Manyin said, here Thursday.

He said the project, which had been categorised as 'sick' after the contractor appointed ran into problems and caused the works to stall for 10 months, was now progressing well after the state's Public Works Department (PWD) took over.

"It was supposed to be completed in May last year but because of the problems (faced by the contractor), JKR (PWD) had no choice but to terminate the contract (with the contractor)," he told reporters after inspecting the project.

According to him, the RM30 million project, which was implemented through the federal government's stimulus package in 2010, involved the construction of a R5-standard road (federal primary road standard with 3.5 metre minimum lane width) and a bridge near the Biawak Customs, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) Complex.

He said PWD's decision to take over the project came as a blessing in disguise as they could accommodate additional requests from the local community in Lundu for access roads to their villages.

Unlike the contractor who rigidly stuck to their scope of works and could not meet the locals' requests, Manyin said the PWD was more flexible and accommodated about 210 village access roads for construction in Biawak to date.

-- BERNAMA

Copyright © 2013 BERNAMA

Source: <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v7/newsindex.php?id=934476>