

Parliament: Government To Consider Military Aspect Before Building New Lahad Datu Airport
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 8 (Bernama) -- The government will consider the security and military aspects when building the new Lahad Datu Airport following the intrusion incident in the district last March, said Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Aziz Kaprawi.

He said a feasibility study conducted by the government last year found there was a need for a new airport in Lahad Datu to replace the existing one.

"The consultants have laid out a final report for the ministry on the study on Oct 22, 2012.

"The gist of the study is that there is a need to build a new airport in Lahad Datu to replace the current airport.

"However, with the recent incident in Lahad Datu in March, we are considering various aspects involving security and military before building the airport," he said in reply to a question from Datuk Datu Nasrun Datu Mansur (BN-Silam) at the Dewan Rakyat Monday.

Datu Nasrun wanted to know the status of the feasibility study directed by the central government in 2011 regarding the new airport with an expenditure of RM10 million.

Aziz explained that the study also found the need to build a new airport costing RM3.03 million on 800 acres of land in Silabukan.

"It is a government initiative to improve the socio-economy of residents in Lahad Datu and surrounding areas," he added.

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