

Kidex not the solution to traffic woes, says Anwar
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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim broke his silence today on the Kinrara-Damansara Expressway (Kidex) issue, saying that the project was not the best solution to curb traffic congestion.

The opposition leader said people were worried that the project, which was awarded to selected cronies, was not being executed in a transparent manner.

"Kidex is seen as an important project for the federal and state governments, however, what should have been addressed was the public transport needs of the people.

"We cannot run away from the fact that in terms of development projects that benefit the people, we must first engage the people for their reaction (before going ahead),"he said in Shah Alam today.

Anwar said it was morally wrong for both the federal and state governments to ignore the people's plight on the issue.

As a result, Anwar said Pakatan Rakyat was working on a mechanism and time frame to ensure that the concessions would transfer their profits to the state government and abolish tolls.

He warned the state government not to resort to land acquisition for Kidex.

He said public consultation should be conducted before the state initiated the Land Acquisition Act.

"Failure to respect this rights will only invite more conflicts and injustices such as that currently happening in Sarawak."

Prior to this, the state government had been defending Kidex and promoting it as a project that would benefit the people and reduce traffic congestion in the Klang Valley.

The Selangor menteri besar had also said Selangor had, in principle, approved the highway project along with five others that were currently under construction. – July 16, 2014.

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