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RM300m allocation for people's highway in Kelantan



KOTA BARU (Feb 21): The government has approved an allocation of RM300 million for the People's Highway Project (Projek Lebuhraya Rakyat) connecting Bukit Tiu and Kampung Berangan Mek Nab in Machang.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said the project, approved under the 12th Malaysia Plan, will kick off in April and is expected to be completed in April 2025.

He said 35% of the 10km long highway had in fact been completed by the state government previously.

“However, after discussions, the federal government agreed to take over the project,” he told reporters after a working visit to the Kota Baru-Kuala Krai highway project site near Kok Lanas here on Saturday (Feb 19).

In another development, Mustapa said there had been a slight delay for the Kota Baru-Kuala Krai highway (KB-KK highway) project involving Package 2B (from Ketereh to Kok Lanas), adding that the 6.2km stretch is now expected to be completed in October.

He said the movement control order was among the reasons for the delay, apart from financial problems faced by contractors and land acquisition issues.

The highway, spanning 67.56km and involving seven packages with a total cost of about RM2.7 billion, is now scheduled to be fully completed in 2025, with the Central Spine Road included, he added.