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**KOTA BARU:** The East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) project has, to date, recorded an overall progress of 28.57 per cent.

Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd (MRL) chief executive officer Datuk Seri Darwis Abdul Razak said construction was ongoing in four states — Pahang, Terengganu, Kelantan and Selangor.

He attributed the progress to the cooperation from all quarters, especially the respective state governments.

“The ECRL project involving a 665km stretch is on track and progressing well.

“We did not face many problems in its construction and managed to solve a lot of issues with the cooperation from all quarters.

“Based on this good record, we

are confident the project will be fully completed by December 2026,” he told a press conference after breaking of fast with media practitioners here on Tuesday.

For Kelantan, Darwis said its alignment involved 43.76km and it was about 21.58 per cent complete.

“The land acquisition process for the main alignment in Kelantan has been completed.

“The construction of 16.39km Genting Tunnel from Pahang to Selangor will begin next month.”

He said the ECRL project would create a better, sophisticated and modern transportation system in the East Coast states.

“When it starts operating in January 2027, we target 5.6 million passengers to use the route in a year,” he added.