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Beams being installed on the East Coast Rail Link in Bachok yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

## **INVOLVING 4 STATES**

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KOTA BARU: The construction of the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) project involving four states, namely Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang and Selangor, has reached a progress of 40.81 per cent.

Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd (MRL) chief executive officer Datuk Seri Darwis Abdul Razak said the project was expected to be completed according to the scheduled timeline, which is by the end of 2026.

"For the infrastructure works of the ECRL construction in Kelantan, the progress has been getting on smoothly and has reached around 51.94 per cent so far.

"The construction works are being carried out according to schedule, including the installation of beam, which started from the bridge in Jerus, Pasir Puteh, and is now approaching the Padang Raja area in Melor.

"The land reclamation works, which cover 16 out of 19 total locations in Kelantan, have begun, and the soil treatment and piling process for the ECRL stations in Tunjong, Kota Baru, and ECRL Pasir Puteh in Kampung Jeram are also being carried out."

He was speaking at the ECRL iftar event here on Monday, which was also attended by Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakob.

Earlier, MRL donated Hari Raya goodies to 30 orphans from the Sri Peraksi Orphanage and Dhuafa' Lilbanin in Cherang Ruku, Pasir Puteh.

He said MRL also took the initiative to share their blessings with the orphans by giving them duit raya.