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## WOES AT NEW JB CIQ COMPLEX

# M'sian minister to propose new measures

**R**EOPENING the old Customs and Immigration complex to pedestrian traffic is one measure being proposed to cut the long walk public transport users now endure at the new CIQ at Johor Baru.

Another will be for public buses to drop off passengers at the main entrance to the CIQ, which is at the west side of the building.

Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Shahrir Abdul Samad said on Monday he would propose these and other measures to the Cabinet as soon as possible.

Mr Shahrir, who is also the Johor Baru MP, was speaking to reporters after a closed-door meeting with the relevant departments and authorities on the CIQ issues.



**LONG WALK:** That's what commuters now face at the new CIQ.

Currently, public transport commuters leave the CIQ through Johor Baru Central and City Square, requiring a long walk to the nearest bus stop.

Mr Shahrir noted that another problem was the long and winding route from Johor Baru Central to the Immigration counters and then to the bus bay.

He said that traders in the city would be given the chance to rent a lot either at Johor Baru Central or within the complex.

Mentri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said Johor was seeking approval from the Federal Government to build a new RM200m (\$84m) medium-term link from the CIQ to the Causeway, which would allow motorists to drive straight to Singapore. – The Star.