No need for Kedah to have three airports, says Lim

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GEORGE TOWN — It is better to have three airports in Penang instead of Kedah, which is considering building another airport, Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng said.

Lim said building another airport in Kedah was a waste of public funds and not in the best interest of the people.

He said Kedah’s idea of having an international airport in Kulim raised many questions because it was so near to Penang.

“Penang receives the largest foreign direct investments (FDIs) in the country and yet we only have one airport. Kedah is nowhere near this ... how is it justifiable for them to have two airports?” he said, adding that Penang received RM18.7 billion in FDIs from 2010 to 2013, while Kedah recorded only RM1 billion.

“Considering this, I do not think it is necessary for them (Kedah) to have another airport. It is just not logical,” he said.

Lim said he did not want Kedah to suffer the same fate as Malacca, which, after spending RM250 million on an airport, did not have any planes landing there.

“Do not think we need another white elephant,” he said.

Kedah currently has two international airports, the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport in Kepala Batas and the Langkawi International Airport.

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“We have been telling the federal government this but they choose to remain silent even until now,” said Lim.

Maids-for-sex agent to be charged with baby’s murder

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SHAH ALAM — A foreign workers’ agent, the main suspect in a maid-for-sex syndicate case, will be charged with the murder of an Indonesian woman’s baby.

The man is alleged to have confined 25 Indonesian women and forced them into sexual labour.

Selangor police chief Datuk Abdul Samah Mat confirmed the suspect would be charged with the murder of the six-month-old son of Danny Rankon. 33.

“He will be charged on June 17, 2014, at the court here in Shah Alam,” Abdul Samah yesterday.

“We believe the evidence we have is adequate for prosecution,” said Abdul Samah.

Danny had on May 31 lodged a police report at the Section 13 police station here with regard to her missing baby that was taken away from her at birth by the suspect when she delivered in a clinic in Klang last November.

Also included in the report was Danny’s statement that her boss had kept her and 26 other Indonesians in three houses in Klang to work as domestic help.

She also claimed the suspect did not pay any of the workers, pocketing their wages, and allowing customers to “tamper” with the women sexually.

Danny said in the report that during her six-month stay as a cleaner at the home of a friend of the suspect, he raped her repeatedly, resulting in her becoming pregnant and giving birth to the baby.

The baby’s remains were dumped in a river in Gombak Heights and retrieved by police after the suspect led them to the location on June 4.

The suspect, a Bangladeshi in his 30s, was arrested in Klang on June 6.

Police have so far arrested 24 of the 20 Indonesians and sent them to a protection centre in Klang.

The Indonesian Embassy will interview them for information on the syndicate’s Indonesian contact.