

NSE fences destroyed leaving cattle to roam free

PETALING JAYA: Fence barriers along the North-South Expressway have been cut or stolen, which allowed cattle to roam the highway.

Highway concessionaire Projek Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan (PLUS) revealed that fences along its highways had been vandalised, while some had been stolen and sold off as scrap metal.

PLUS corporate communications senior manager Mohd Nizam Ismail said investigations revealed that the fences were vandalised by unknown people, estate workers or trespassers who preferred a shorter access into the other side of the highway.

He said the entire stretch of the 772km-long expressway should have been fenced up, with the exception of the open-system stretches on Federal Highway Route 2, the Bukit Kayu Hitam, Jitra and Sungai Dua-juru stretches and areas deemed too sloped to be fenced off.

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Mohd Nizam said communities living along the highways needed to be constantly reminded on the implications of vandalism of the fences.

"Cattle owners also need to be more responsible for their livestock," he said yesterday.

The Star on Friday had highlighted 29 locations on the North South Expressway that had signages put up warning motorists of stray cows on the highways.

Cattle owners, however, said they did not have enough grazing land for their cows and therefore, allowed them to roam free.