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Central Kalimantan Governor Agustin Teras Narang has rejected a central government plan to construct 135-kilometer-long railway line connecting Central and East Kalimantan.

Terang said the project, which Russia had agreed to invest US\$2.5 billion into, could damage protected forest areas the railway would pass through.

The governor added that Central Kalimantan was currently still focusing on the construction of railway lines connecting different areas in the province.

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