

PRIME NEWS

No plans to deport maids yet

WORKING ABROAD:
Indonesian embassy hasn't received directive on Jokowi statement

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MALAYSIAN employers need not worry about having to send their maids back just yet following Indonesian President Joko Widodo's statement on stopping the republic's women from working abroad as domestic helpers.

The Indonesian embassy in Kuala Lumpur said it had yet to receive any directive from its government with regards to bringing home domestic helpers.

The embassy's Information, Social and Culture minister-Counselor Trigustono Supriyanto said: "There has yet to be any decision on whether the Indonesian government would stop sending new workers as domestic helpers and to bring back those who had already been working here."

Joko had, during the People's Conscious Party's Second National Congress on Friday, expressed his wish for Indonesian women to stop working as domestic helpers abroad.

According to a report by Antara News Agency, the Indonesian government would repatriate 1,800 migrant workers from various countries under the plan.

Back home, the Malaysian Maid Employers Association had estimated that there were about 50,000 illegal Indonesian domestic helpers working here.

On a separate matter, Trigustono said the president had said the

Indonesian government would deploy transportation to repatriate its workers here who had registered under the Immigration Department's 3+1 programme as soon as possible.

"Joko had conveyed this during a gathering with Indonesian workers at the embassy here on Feb 6 during his trip to Malaysia recently."

Under the 3+1 programme, illegal immigrants who surrendered need only pay a RM300 compound and a RM100 special pass fee to the Immigration Department so that they could be deported without being detained or charged in court for overstaying or working without a valid permit.

Immigration deputy director-general Datuk Sakib Kusmi said the embassy would issue a travel document in lieu of a passport so that even those without valid travel documents would be able to purchase airline or ferry tickets.

"Those returning home must go

through International Marketing and Net (Iman) Resources Sdn Bhd, which has been appointed to handle the 3+1 programme," he said in a text message yesterday.

Meanwhile, the *New Straits Times* yesterday visited Iman Resources' headquarters in Wisma Rampai, Taman Sri Rampai, where a large number of illegal immigrants were waiting for their applications to be processed.

Iman Resources executive director Datin Nor Aziah Abd Aziz said the company had, between July and December last year, processed about 30,000 applications from illegal immigrants who wished to return.

"They were from various sectors, including services, construction and plantations.

"Eighty per cent of them had overstayed and had no working permits, while the remainder had no documents with them except for their Indonesian identification cards," she said, adding that an average of 300 Indonesians registered at the headquarters daily.

She urged those who wished to register for the programme to come to its headquarters directly and not engage with any individuals.

"We have received complaints from immigrants that there have been irresponsible individuals who had asked up to RM1,000 just to facilitate the process of returning to Indonesia. They only learned that they were cheated upon registering with us.

"We urge workers or their employers to register at our counters in Taman Sri Rampai and pay only what is required. Apart from the RM400 paid to Immigration Department, they only need to pay another RM380 for our services.

"Those below 18 are charged RM200 (including RM100 for the special fee), while infants (below 12 months old) are charged only RM100 each."

She said the company kept data of those registered with the programme to allow job-matching when employers here search for Indonesian workers in the future.

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■ **MARAN 16 FEB.**

HANYA kira-kira 10 peratus majikan yang terlibat dalam sektor perladangan dan hartanah menyediakan kemudahan rawatan perubatan awal di tempat kerja sebagai persediaan menghadapi situasi kemalangan.

Timbalan Menteri Sumber Manusia, Datuk Seri Ismail Abd. Muttalib berkata, meskipun perkara itu tidak diwajibkan, pihak Kementerian berharap lebih ramai majikan akan menyediakan pusat rawatan awal sementara kepada pekerja mereka.

"Ini wajar kerana jika seseorang pekerja itu mendapat kemalangan, tindakan menyelamat dengan memberikan rawatan awal sangat perlu sebelum dibawa ke klinik atau hospital untuk rawatan lanjut," katanya dalam sidang akhbar selepas



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Timbalan Menteri Sumber Manusia

Majlis Perasmian Pejabat Seranta (Felda) Jabatan Perdana Menteri Wilayah Jengka di Bangunan Persekutuan Maran di sini hari ini.

Yang turut hadir, Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Chenor, Mo-

hamed Ariffin Awang Ismail; ADUN Jengka, Datuk Wan Salman Wan Ismail; Timbalan Pengarah Kanan Seranta (Felda), Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Rosdin Abas dan Ketua Seranta Wilayah Jengka, Datuk Khatijah Mohd. Said.

Sementara itu, Ismail berkata, jumlah pekerja dalam dua sektor tersebut adalah sebanyak 146,595 orang dengan 18,402 majikan berdaftar dalam sektor hartanah dan 2,890 sektor perladangan.

Katanya, daripada jumlah itu, hartanah merekodkan jumlah tertinggi iaitu seramai 134,733 pekerja.

Menurut beliau, Kementerian sentiasa memandang serius faktor keselamatan dan kebajikan pekerja yang harus menjadi keutamaan semua majikan di negara ini.

"Pihak Kementerian tidak akan teragak-agak mengenakan tindakan tegas mengikut undang-undang sedia ada terhadap majikan yang melanggar undang-undang pekerja ditetapkan," katanya.