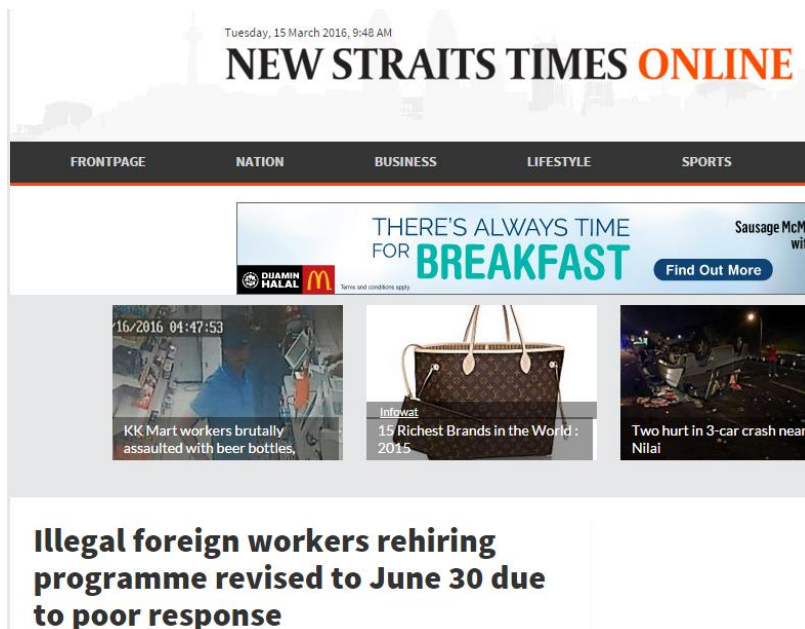


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PUTRAJAYA: The rehiring of illegals programme deadline has been revised from Dec 31 to June 30 due to the poor response from employers.

The Home Ministry in a statement said the deadline has been shortened as employers were not responsive to the programme.

“Based on our studies, although the programme has been implemented for almost a month with massive enforcement operations conducted by the Immigration Department, the programme is still at unsatisfactory level as many employers were found to hire illegal foreigners.

“Therefore, the employers are urged to take this opportunity to take part in the programme to enable their illegal foreign workers to obtain valid work permit.

“The government will not hesitate to take legal action against employers who hire illegal foreigners in line with Section 55 (B) of Immigration Act 1959/63,” it said in a statement.

Under the act, those who hire illegal workers are liable to a maximum RM50,000 fine, a maximum jail term of 12 months, or both, for each illegal employee.

In addition, any employers who hire more than five illegal workers will be jailed between six months and five years, and receive up to six strokes of the rotan, if convicted.

The ministry said a total of 15,822 foreign workers were registered under the rehiring programme from Feb 15 to March 10.

From the total number, 9,738 were Indonesians, 3,808 Bangladeshis, 425 from Myanmar and 1,851 were from other countries.

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