

Prime Minister to consider request on domestic maids

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will consider a request by non-Muslims to allow them to continue employing Muslim domestic maids.

Deputy Home Minister Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob said the matter was discussed at the Home Ministry post Cabinet -meeting

yesterday where Dr Mahathir was informed of the matter.

"He agreed to look into it," Datuk Megat Junid told newsmen at the Parliament House today.

Datuk Megat Junid said the matter would be discussed in detail by the Special Committee on Illegal Immigrants headed by Dep-

uty Prime Minister Encik Abdul Ghafar Baba on Nov 6.

All details of the matter and actions to be taken will be decided then, he said.

He added that all those who have illegal immigrants as domestic maids should register them with the Immigration Department.

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have decided the department to take whatever action necessary. At present they are trying to register all domestic maids who are illegal immigrants. This will make it easier for us to prepare what is necessary such as transportation, food and accommodation.

"I only decide on policy matters, the implementa-

tion will be carried out by the department."

Datuk Megat Junid said the employers need not surrender the domestic maids. They only need to register them with the department.

He said for the moment, the Dec 31 deadline to deport these maids remained.

However, the committee will meet next week.