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PARLIAMENT: MALAYSIAN JOB-SEEKERS CHOOSY, ISO EMPLOYERS HIRE FOREIGNERS

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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 13 (Bernama) -- Choosy Malaysian job-seekers have given employers the reason to engage foreign workers', Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He told the Dewan Rakyat that the government continued to motivate economic **activities** to allow for the creation of more jobs.

Replying to Encik Wong Sing Nang (DAP - Lanang) during question time, he said the government always ensured that only employers who could not find workers locally were allowed to bring in foreigners.

He also said that the government had not received information of the people in Sarawak being fed up with the presence of foreign workers in the timber industry there, as alleged by Encik Wong.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who **is** also Home Minister, said the ministry kept a watch on recruitment of foreign workers in the industry.

He said the government was also trying to prevent illegal entry of foreign workers by stepping up enforcement in suspected areas.

If illegal immigrants were caught, they and their employers would be prosecuted, he said.-- Bernama

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