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EMPLOYERS TO BLAME IF THERE'S A LABOUR SHORTAGE

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 7, ⁹² (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that some employers are to blame if there is a labour shortage following the government's move to detain unregistered foreign workers.

He said the employers had been given more than six months to register them but had not done so.

+What we cannot understand is why when we gave them a chance to register the workers, they did not do so and later complain of a labour shortage,+ he told reporters after launching the Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Memorial project here.

He was commenting on the Housing Developers Association statement that the construction sector would be affected by the government's move to detain and deport unregistered foreign workers.

As of yesterday, 1,468 illegal immigrants, rounded up since the start of +Ops Nyah II+ on July 1, had been detained.

Dr Mahathir said allegations by the builders of a labour shortage had not been proven. -- Bernama

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