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HOTELS SEEK TO SETTLE CF ISSUE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

PULAU PINANG, March 24 (Bernama) -- Local authorities and hoteliers in Langkawi have been told to find a formula to settle their problems pertaining to the issuance of the Certificate of Fitness for Occupation (CF) to hotels on the island.

Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said the ministry could assist, advise and direct the local authorities but it would be up to the relevant parties to resolve their problems.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad directed the state government and the local authorities to speed up the issuance CFs for projects which complied with the regulations.

He made the directive when commenting on a report that 70 per cent of hotels on the island were operating without the CFs.

Ting, when interviewed after a meeting with MCA leaders and members from Kedah, Perlis and here, said following the revelation, local authorities nationwide were directed to issue temporary licences to buildings that had yet to fully comply with the regulations.

The closed-door meeting which lasted one hour was attended by MCA Vice-Presidents Datuk Lim Ah Lek and Datuk Chua Jui Meng, Secretary-General Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh and state MCA chairman Dr Sak Cheng Lum.

"Hotels operating without CFs not only breach the law but also face high risks," he said, adding that that was only the first time the ministry knew of a hotel operating without a CF.

However, he said he did not know how many were similarly affected. --  
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