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SABAH WELCOMES STERN ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

KOTA KINABALU, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee today welcomed the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday on deporting and caning of illegal immigrants in the country.

"The illegal immigrant issue is a massive problem that has haunted Sabah for two decades. The sheer magnitude and complexity of this problem is a daunting challenge to the government and the people.

"The state government is therefore grateful that the federal government is paying close attention to this problem," he said in a statement.

Yong said while the country still needs foreign workers, efforts must be carried out to ensure the security and socio-economic well-being of Malaysians.

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