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TAIWAN BODY PLEDGES TO GET COMPENSATION FOR WORKERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- The Taiwan Industries Association in Malaysia has promised to help resolve the problem caused by Taiwan companies that closed their factories in Malaysia without paying compensation and other statutory benefits to the affected workers.

Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek said today that the association would persuade these companies to pay the compensation due to the workers.

"It has provided us a list of the companies concerned and promised to help the government settle this problem," he told reporters after the weekly Cabinet meeting here.

Lim said this when commenting on his recent meeting with representatives of the association which, among other things, was aimed at settling the claims of the affected workers.

On the call by the Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) that errant Taiwanese investors be blacklisted, Lim said not all Taiwan companies were bad and they had the right to close shop if they were not doing well.

However, this did not mean that they could just disappear without settling payments due to the workers, he said.

Lim also said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was prepared to meet Cuepacs to discuss the role of trade unions in making a success of the Malaysia Incorporated concept and the claims that it wished to make.

"I met Dr Mahathir today and he has given his agreement for the meeting," he said. -- BERNAMA

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